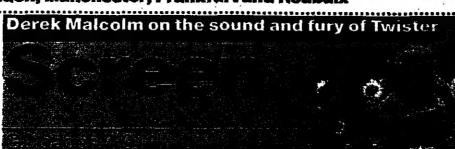
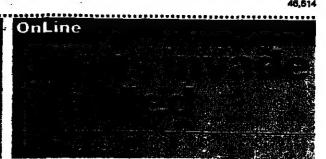


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# Blair fends off rebels

HE Labour lead-ership last night survived the lat-Blair's authority when Labour MPs buckled under and voted to keep Harriet Harman in the shadow cabinet team he

Not only did the embattled shadow health secretary survive the private fory of many backbenchers over her deci-sion to send her younger son

last place, well down the field with 149 votes against Tom Clarke's 175 in 18th position, she was 55 votes clear of Ann Clwyd, another ex-shadow cabinet member who had been backed by some MPs to oust Ms Harman.

In the step election, called early to prevent a divisive autumn campaign, there was scant consolation for six other backbenchers who defied the leadership's no-contest plea so close to the real battle with John Major.

With fewer candidates, all

the winners got more votes than usual and women took top places. Margaret Beckett was again first with 251, closely followed by Ann Taylor (250) and Clare Short (218). But there were signs that some men involved in that some men involved incontroversial policy changes
this year, notably Gordon
Brown on child benefit and
Chris Cnith on social security remain, may have been
punished. Desite his bough
stance on crime, Jack Straw
stayed in 18th place.

A delighted Mr Blair called
it "a vote for unity and a vote
for a winning team." His deputy, John Prescott, said: "We
asked for the current team to
be emforsed and it has been.

be endorsed and it has been. This is a tremendous vote of confidence in the leadership and gives us a wonderful boost."

The Tory chairman, Brian Mawhimey, spoke of "cynical manipulation." Ms Harman's survival will



#### The results

Clare Short

trigger a highly personalised "New Labour, New Hypocrisy" campaign prepared by Conservative Central Office to exploit the education con-

ics, immediately announced that a review of the MPs' code of conduct to improve what he called "communication

he called "communication consulation and discipline." Labour whips will have new powers to enforce it "line leader ship also wan a significant violety when MPs voted by 106 to 29 to support the shadow citalipellor, Gordon Brown's plan to review child benefit provision for 18-to 18-year-olds in full-time education.

But Mr Brown's efforts to persuade MPs and activists that his review could focus financial help on poorer teen-agers wanting to stay in sdu-cation came too late to prevent a series of hostile mo-tions being tabled for Labour's October conference

in Blackpool.
In the wake of a leak of the 575 conference resolutions, Labour used last night's.

troversy, which touches Mr

Blair as well, and woo voters back. If she had lost, the Taries would have played the Labour "extremist" card.

Mr Blair, who had earlier denounced "ill-discipline and attacks upon each other" — a coded rebuilt to leftwing critics. immediately announced guered Hutu presi-dent, Sylvestre Ntident, Sylvestre Nti-bantunganya, has sought refuge at the American ambassador's residence and appears ready to relin-quish office amid fears that he could become the third successive leader of his country to be assassinated.

The overwhelmingly Tutsi army denied yesterday that there had been a comp. But its ally, the mainly Tutsi Uprona party — the second largest member in the equittion government and the real power. ernment and the real power in Burundi — threatened to bring the administration down. Were Unrone to do so.

Chris NicGreei in Kigali

the power vacuum would be an invitation for the military to step in.

Mr Ntibantunganya fled to the US embassy after angry Tutsis pelted him with stones and cow-dung before a mass funeral for more than 300 people thought to have been massacred by Rutu rebels. The army stood by passively during the attack on the president, leaving his bodyguards to protect him as he fled to his helicopter.

Hutn rebel attacks and the military's reprisals have military's reprisals have

Rum rebel attacks and the military's reprisals have claimed an estimated 150,000 lives in less than three years, almost all of them unarmed civilians murdered because of their ethnicity. But tensions have risen sharply as Tutsi extremists, including mem-bers of the army, have vigor-

320 vicities of the message by suspected Huta relials at Bugendara sefugee comp in Bur soult are buried in a mind of the

warned against any coup attempt. But Uprona's leader, Charles Mukasi, yesterday accused the president of treason and called an urgent meeting of his party's coalition allies to decide the fate of the government.

Last month Mr Mukasi extremists who launched Charles Mukasi, yesterday accused the president of trea-son and called an urgent meeting of his party's coali-tion allies to decide the fate of

Rwanda's anti-Tutal genocide.

Mr Ntaryamira had come to
power after the assassination power after the assessmation in 1993 of Burundi's first freely elected and Hutu presi-dent, Melchlor Ndadaye. Mr Ndadaye was murdered by Tutsi junior soldiers. His death sparked a wave of anti-Tutsi killings by resentful Hu-

tus and victous retaliation by the army, setting off the cycle of violence that continues today.

# Rifkind forces BBC retreat

Andrew Cult Media Corresp

HE BBC made its first concession yesterday over planned changes to the World Service following the intervention of Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign

Secretary.

As opposition to director general John Birt's managerial shake-up intensified, Mr. Rifkind ordered that a working group be set up to assess the impact on the quality of the sarvice.

He voiced the Govern-ment's concerns during a 45-minute meeting with Sir Christopher Bland, the BBC's chairman, described as "con-structive" and "really busi-nesslike" by the two sides.

In an apparent anub to the BBC for its Panors interview with the Princers of Wales Buckingham Palac nnounced yesterday th the Queen's Christm broadcast will be

produced by the ITV every lwo years, ending a 39-

Details, page 3

Sir Christopher agreed to the working group, which is to be headed by Sam Younger, managing director of the World Service, and Christo-

Office civil servant The Foreign Office said it did not expect major irreversible steps to be taken by the BBC in advance of a further meeting between Mr Rifkind and Sir Christopher set for October. But the BBC said it would continue to implement the changes, in which the World Service's news operation is to be merged into the domestic newsgathering div-

April 1997 is the target date turn to page 2, column 1

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# Taxi! That'll be just £2,700, plus tip

Labour used last night's shadow cabinst excitement to publish the 94-pages of resolutions sarlier than usual, in part to minimize hostile media coverage designed to highlight what Dr Mawhinney yesterday dubbed Mr Blair's "splitting headache" — a divided partie.

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— But though a few of the 55 pro-comprehensive school motions pointedly attack selection, the issue behind the Harman row, and there are veiled criticisms of "authoritarism" leadership habits, the tone of the resolutions are mild by historic standards.

The minimum wage issue, a controversy last year, has all but melted away as amious and local parties fall in he hind the Low Pay Commission formula.

Leader comment, page 6; "Hage Young and Rey Hattersley, page 6; "Good, Let's go to San Francisco."



Ms Fry had been his pas-senger before and he felt she was trustworthy, al-though she had only \$30 rooms", the decorous Ms Fry emphasised. The jour-ney continued northwards.

luggage. The pair bought ing licence and her on toothbrushes and fresh clothing and selected budget motels — "in separate feted with free meals and woome" the decrease. irust.
In Vancouver they were feted with free meals and drinks and the story of the "little old lady from Passdena" made the local paper in Victoria. They returned rry emphasised. The journey continued northwards. Mr Baird called taxi headquarters and told them not to expect him back soon. Ms Fry cancelled a dental appointment. Folks waved as they entered north California's redwood and pine forests, and they laughed at the "City of Los Angeles Taxi" black lettering on the doors. Craxy movie people, they decided. Ms Fry, a fan of the Angela Lensbury television series Murder, She Wrots, stopped in the seaside town of Mendocino, background for the show's fictional Cabot Cove location.

On route to Seattle, police checked to see if the cab was stolen. At the Canadian border Americans need only an ID, which Ms Fry did not have, But officials accepted Mr Baird's driv.



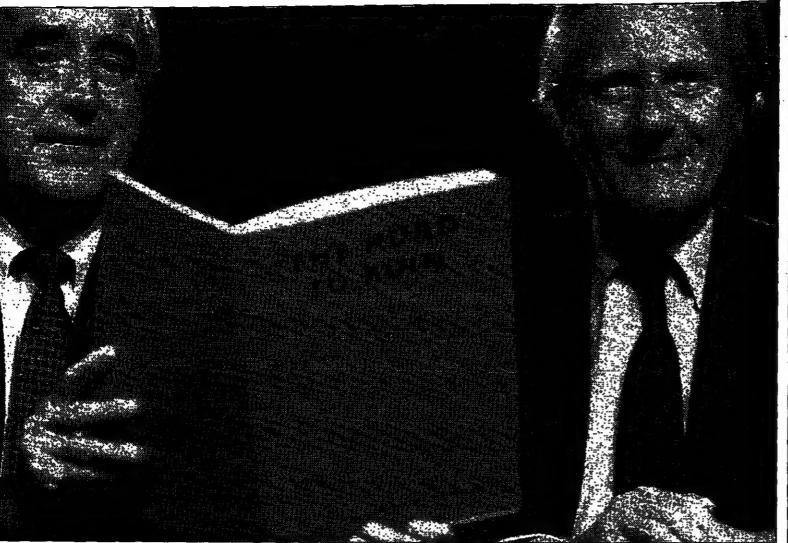
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Simon Hoggart reveals his roll of dishonour as MPs begin their long summer holiday

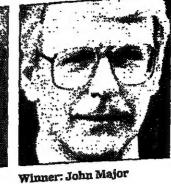




Winner: Baroness Thatcher











# Winning ways in cowardice and cock-ups

rose last night Naturally, there bleats about MPs' long holidays. But if you had to sit there every day, you might well think that the more they are on vacation, the luckier we will be.

Still, for what it is worth here are my parliamentary awards for the session. The

Brass Neck of the Year: A tough call. David Mellor claimed he did not need to list fees received from his multitudinous consultancies because they were not connected with his parliamentary work (estimates of how much he makes vary from £300,000 to £1 million

a year). There was John Major's risible claim that "noone can buy access to minis-ters." But the statuette has to go to Margaret Thatcher who dared to turn up at Westminster Hall for the apotheosis of Nelson Mandela, the man she once called a terrorist.

Overstatement of the year. Nicholas Winterton called the proposal to reduce the top mileage rate for MPs' cars from 74p per mile

Chutzpah of the Year: Another close one. Tony Blair launched the new Labour manifesto by saying that Keir Hardie, Clement Attlee and Harold Wilson would all have signed up to

building up the scare, turn-ing it into a party political brickbat campaign."

sition for the two great crises: the Scott Report, and the Great Mad Cow Horror In the words of Angels Browning, a junior Agricul ture minister: "They are

book which was generally

panned; his agent asked the Guardian half a million for

the serial rights. (The alter-native suggestion was 37p, and I am pleased to report

closer to the latter than the

But the winner must be

the Government's dazzling attempt to blame the Oppo-

that the final figure was

Cowardice of the Year: Labour accepted the widen-ing of the Prevention of nolice to stop and search on suspicion — returning the hated sus laws. The new law, which Labour rushed to support, was hurried through the Commons just in time for the 80th anniversary of the Kester Rising, an event which had been pre-dictable since 1916.

Meanest decision of the year. Waitresses working in the fembers' Dining Room. were told they were no longer allowed to sit down MPs found it "unsightly".

Most boring member: By his own admission, civil service minister Roger Freeman. who once confessed that during his holidays he "looked forward" to giving

tees. He produced the most boring three words of the ssion: "Seventhly, Mad-

Majorism of the Year: Lots of competition here too. There was the emphemism "accelerated programme' meaning the mass slaugh ter of 65,000 cows. There was his impenetrable attack on Labour's sugges tions for coping with the BSE crisis: "It's a matter of motherhood, action that is

already being taken, and largely misses many of the matters which need to be But the prize goes to his exhortation to the England football team on the eve of the semi-final: "I hope they

play well and achieve a sat-

Spin doctor of the Year: abour's Alastair Campbell, for briefing a reporter on Tony Blair's decision to come out against the London tube strike, "and if you call it a U-turn, Fil take your head oft."

Tory PR cock-up: The most bulging category of all. Was it the cans of beans, or the unspeakably dreary board game, "Labour Hypocrigame, "Labour Hypotrisy"? The judges were much
impressed by the dreadful
Sastcht slogan: "Yes it hurt.
Yes it worked", and by
"Look!" the appalling good
news paper ("Tax bonanza
for millions!").
But the winner had to be
the snoof Labour manifesto.

the spoof Labour manifesto. launched at a wince-making press conference.

was actually quite unlikely that we would get involved.

There is no way we could do

The minutes say: "Beck-with are currently bidding for the MoD housing disposal. However, this would not pre-

that everyone is in bed by 10pm, and not out shopping as they are under the Tories."

The final category is Greaser of the Year in which competition was as ferocions as ever. Jacques Ar-nold, for instance, for sycophancy designed to slather over his support for John Redwood; David Ashby, who lost the gay libel case and has been slung out of his constituency, and Jacqui Lait, who has oiled her way as first woman into the

Tory whips' office. But the winner is, inevita-bly, my friend Michael Fabricant. He was in action yes terday with a bill to make it easier to fly the Union Jack. It was really an attack on

For the first time ever, though, his kow-towing was answered, by Labour's Tony Banks. "No-one has reased more assiduously than you, as you carry any political lunchbox . . . you will kiss the bottom of any passing authority . . . you are not an incipient miniscongratulating himself on getting the last cabin boy's job on the Titanic. All your bill does is provide more cheap copy for Simon Hoggart!"

And then, not one single person could be found to vote for his bill. Poor Michael. But that is the purest greasing; greasing with-out even the hope of reward.

#### First night

# Who's that tap tap, tapping on heaven's door?

Keith Watson Lord Of The Dance

monster ego to put on a show called Lord Of The Dance and then give yourself the starring role. But one thing Michael Flatley is not short of is self confidence. Though he insists his less than dignified exit from River dance - the Eurovision spectacular turned dance phenom enon - is water under the bridge, you can tell from the steely glint in his eye that he sperate to show that he

OU'VE got to have a

was the driving force behind Yet for all the rampant narcissism that throbs at the heart of Lord Of The Dance, there's no escaping the fact that Flatley has produced an exhilarating extravaganza that starts out as Riverdance part two but quickly develops a persuasive character of its

Though wrapped in the kind of ethereal Celticness that has proved so eminently marketable and never fails to win the Eurovision Song Contest, the show throws off its opening aura of virginal purity to reveal a passionately sensual animal lurking be-

neath its angelic exterior. Cheeky proof of that comes when the chorus girls divest shifts to reveal some slinky black underwear — it's a Bucks Fizz moment with an extra beloing of libido.

The show scores most strongly by building on the spine-tingling energy of the finely synchronised tapping feet that form the core of the Irish folk dancing of which Flatley is a master. Where Riverdance is one

stunning routine and a fair

This review appeared in later editions yesterday

amount of filler, Lord Of The Dance plays to its strengths, working its outstanding en-semble of young dancers to their limits in a succession of demanding and lightning-quick routines.

The only drawback is the flim-flam of a story, another variation on the age-old battle between good and evil. But at least this gives Flatley an ex-cuse to indulge in a second-half set of theatrics which throw in everything from West Side Story to Star Wars by way of a spot of light

At its best it whips up the slick excitement of Michael Jackson's Thriller era dance videos — and the ghost of Wacko Jacko hovers over the

whole affair. As Flatley, torso artfully sweaty, rises from the dead (with a halo!) to banish evil, illusions of Christliness spring to mind. And follow the Lord Of The Dance refrain to its conclusion and you arrive, after all, at Jesus. But such is Flatley's power

as a performer that this actu-ally comes over as engaging rather than repellent. Aided by a driving score by Ronan cast in which the duelling violins of Mairead Nesbitt and Cora Smyth are outstanding. Flatley defies you not to submit to the hypnotic beat of his

As he plays the puppet naster to his rhythmic slaves, urging them into ever speedier, ever more complex step patterns, you can tell he must be a bastard to work for. That he makes his ego work to his advantage is his greatest skill. You've heard this before —

you must have seen the post-

flying feet.

ers — but dance does not often get this good. Expect it to run

# Minutes reveal tycoon's interest in DSS

HE Guardian's disclosure of a Tory property tycoon's secret talks to buy the nation's social security of-fices last night reignited the row over the Premier Chub. the organisation where business people pay £100,000 to dine with John Major.

Fresh details of John Beck.

The new disclosures in minwith's interest in bidding for utes of a meeting between Mr said at the time that we were volved with \$1 billion worth the estate were leaked to the Beckwith's company and De bidding for the MoD and it of backing from an American

denounced the disclosure as 'absolute lies" on BBC radio. Mr Beckwith, who is also Pre-mier Club chairman, restarted the row over its privileged access to John Major by claiming the club did enable members to meet him. Labour's Robin Cook said the disclosure was evidence that the meetings could involve the Prime Minister

granting favours.

paper yesterday as the tycoon loitte and Touche, management consultants for the sale, show Mr Beckwith had already been approached by another company to form a consortium to buy the benefits office buy the benefits offices and could have completed the deal within 15 months.

The minutes conclude: "Beckwith are seriously in-terested in pursuing this

Yesterday Mr Beckwith de-nied the thrust of the story. He told the World at One: "We

clude an interest in this transaction, in fact, given the prob-lems with the MoD . . . they might be more interested in the DSS opportunity."

Mr Beckwith denied as "ab-

MoD and DSS.

insurance company.

The minutes say Beckwith
Property Fund Management were partners with US insurance company AIG. "AIG is one of the largest insurance companies in the world with gross assets of over \$1 billion ... AIG has invested in Beck-

Last night Derrick Laud, the lobbyist linked to the Monday Club, speaking on behalf of Mr Beckwith, said he

later issued a statement denying any connection between himself as chairman of the Premier Club and the invitation for him to tender for the MoD contract. He said he had not added his company's name to the shortlist for tender in connection with the sale of DSS buildings. As the Guardian has reported, a shortlist will not be drawn up until after August 3.

In the Commons, Ann had engaged Peter Carter Ruck, the libel lawyer, to fight his case. Mr Beckwith ters in an intolerable position."

#### The full text of the transcript

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Sometime of the minutes of a management of the private sector. meeting on February 21 this year between Beckwith Prop-erty Fund Management and Deloitte and Touche, management advisers to Peter Lilley, Social Security Secretary, on the sale of the benefit offices estate. The questions are by Deloitte and Touche and the replies by Beckwith directors.

Meeting with: Beckwith Property Fund Management. Date: List February. Location: London. Those present: John Beckwith. Chairman, Beckwith: Chairs of Chairman, Beckwith: Chairs Grahun, Director. Beckwith: Ressell Jewell, Beckwith; Reth Greig, Deboltre & Touche: Consulting Group; Roirert Murray, Deloitte & Touche: New York.

Beckwith Property Fund Management was established last year as a joint venture between Beckwith Capturel Partners, international chartered surveyors Richard Ellis and the US insurer company AIG to Isunch and manage a range of specialised international property fund investing in Europe. AIG is one of the largest lastrance companies in the world with gross spects of over \$1 billion.

 Would you be prepared to consider proposal for funding a transaction of this size and nature, given stuab partners and occeptable terms? periners and exceptable terms?

Beckwith are currently bidding for the MoD housing disposal. However, this would not preclude an interest in this transaction: in fact, given the problems with the MoD disposal feg. poor project management of the bidding process, consortin breaking apart, pourly thought out shortisting process), they might be more interested in the DSS opportunity.

Now is a good time to be planning a transaction of this nature and size, because of the large amount of capital available globally for major deals.

would be involved in a consortium of lenders which Beckwith could put together.

In addition, Ferguson Buckmill Austin (FBA), one of the existing "Partners" of the DSS for the maintenance and large-scale facilities management of the estate, have airosofy expressed on interest to Beckwith in joining them in a consortium bidding on PRIME (the social security building stock). FBA is one of the larger FM companies in the UK.

It may not be advisable from a VPM (value for money) perspective to include the construction services in the consortium. Better value is generally obtained from construction work by fendering individual contracts for specific projects. The process will be project-managed by the consortium, which may therefore include a rule for construction professionals in overseing these contracts.

her of ways. As one extreme, the private sector might pay on up front capital sum for the freshold interests in the sum for the presson success. In the groperities, Al the other excreme, there might be little or no up front capital sum and instead, capital would be busined over the characteristic of the partnership. Other funding options intolive a combination of these alternations. What are your visus on themost suitable funding option for the capital programme?

In principle, there may be some benefit in funding the disposal with an up

debt.
However, the balance between up front capital and yearly cash injections will depend on the information provided on the estate and the desalled demands of the capital programme. Securities atom is likely to be involved in the handing. There would be a mix of different types of debt, short-

FM is a "huge over of opportunity". Including the FM contracts will defi-nitely enhance the attractiveness of the transaction.

From what you have heard today what issues do you repord as being sig nificant enough to prevent the dea being successfully concluded.

ness of accurate information on the es-tute and the service contracts will be key to the success of the deal. Ten-derers will need ready access to infor-mation to put together first expre-sions of interest and indicative bids and later firm offers, in order to get down to a single preferred bidsig in the abortest possible time.

The invitation to benderest abunda The invinition to tenderers should define what is required as closely a possible while keeping to the spirit of the FFT (public fluores initiative, regime, we cannot be prescriptive about how the transaction should be

The MoD housing disposal is The MoD bonsing utsposal as planned within a shorter timescale, but this seems unrealistic, given the smount of information which must be considered by potential blidgers and the extent of the due diligence involved in taking on such a large portfolio. Beckwith are seriously interested in virginity this concrunity.

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#### Rifkind forces BBC to allow overview of World Service's newsgathering changes would concede to get their fairs select committee is ex- penditure, and reprimand and international outlook of plan through?" | BBC executives for introduction would not be continued from page 1 plan through?" The BBC's governors meet for the restructuring to be in next week with publication of today and are expected to dis-

John Tusa, a former managing director of the World Service and opponent of the changes, said: "Given the way the BBC has behaved, is this small step the minimum they

cuss an appeal, published in yesterday's Guardian, from 140 leading public figures to delay implementation. The Commons foreign af gation into World Service ex- sought assurances the quality

a highly critical report. It is likely to call on Mr Birt to give regular reports to the committee, recommend a National Audit Office investi-

ing changes without consult-ing the Foreign Office. Mr Rifkind voiced surprise yesterday that the Foreign Office had not been informed

in advance of the changes. He

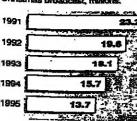
The Foreign Office is seek ing guarantees that grant-in-aid would be properly separated from the BBC's licence

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Snub to BBC as traditional Christmas broadcast to be produced every two years by ITV



# Queen changes channels

UCKINGHAM Palace yesterday delivsnub to the BBC for view with the Princess of Wales by ending its exclusive responsibility for making the Queen's Christmas broadcast. The move to share production of the broadcast between the BBC and ITV ended a 29year tradition and was being interpreted by broadcasters as retaliation for Panorama's

portrayal of a royal family beset by in-fighting.
Under the new arrange ment, announced by the Queen's press secretary Charles Anson ITV will proted throughout the Common-wealth on Christmas Day, in 1997, and 1998. Production reverts to the BBC in 1999 and 2000. The alternating two-year cycle will be reviewed periodically, he added. Both channels will screen the broadcast

each year as usual. The palace insisted there was no rift with the BBC and denied it had been taken in interview by Martin Bashir. A spokesman said: "We were

considering a change to the current arrangements in early 1995, before the Panorama proramine was broadcast.\*\*

However, ITV was approached by the palace, which hinted darkly at the time-of the interview that it might take action against the BBC. It said in November: "No institution can take for granted its relationship with

the media, just as the media — in this case the BBC — cannot take for granted its relationship with us." The BBC said it did not be-

lieve Panorama was the reason for the decision. A spokeswoman added: "In the contemporary broadcasting environment it makes sense for the leading public service broadcasters to share the responsibilities and costs of broadcasts of this kind."

The cost of producing and distributing the broadcast around the world is about £100,000 a year. Audiences for the broadcast have fallen steadily. The 1995 address was watched by 13.7

The Queen's Christmas message to Britain and the Commonwealth has been produced exclusively by the BBC for 39 years to the German-based consul-

# Pyramid scheme illegal, judges rule

Business club with 'code of silence' loses appeal

secretive get-rich-quick scheme that nsnared up to 10,000 people across the UK at evan-gelical-style meetings was

The German-based Titan Business Club, in which join earn money by recruiting more members on a pyramid-selling basis, has drawn in showbusiness personalities, snowbusiness personalities, senior professionals and even a member of the House of Lords. Few have spoken out because they are required to sign an intimidating document, which has no real legal status, promising silence on penalty of 10,000 Deutschmarks (about £4,500).

Yesterday the Master of the

Yesterday the Master of the Rolls, Lord Woolf, said that all such operations break the law. "They involve those who set up, promote, purvey and administer the scheme in criminal offences," he said. who may be tempted to create clones of Titan."

Titan, managed by the Hamburg company SHV Sen-ator, was appealing against an order made by Vice-Chan-cellor Sir Richard Scott in June that no further "revival-ist-style" recruitment meetings with music and chanting should be held to promote the club, pending an application by the DTI for it to be wound up and finally put out of busi-ness. Sir Richard called the scheme "an illegal lottery". Jim Potts, chief trading

shire, where the scheme eems to have had its UK launch in January, had over 200 inquiries and complaints about Titan. "We warned con-sistently that this is no more than a money circulation scheme. It is based entirely on being able to recruit other people. For some people to gain, other people must lose." Potential members are told that they will soon recoup their joining fee, which recently went up from £2,500 to £3,000. They become a junior partner, and receive £450 out of the joining see paid by members they recruit When those members intro

of the joining fee. The rest of the money goes of 10,000 members of Titan

Schools, theatres and other large public buildings are used for recruitment meetings. Security guards lock the doors and loud inspiring music, typically the Chariots of Fire theme blares out of Fire theme, blares out while lights flash and an evangelical-style salesman comes on to the stage for several hours of hard sell. People tell how their lives have been

"There is almost a build-un of hysteria where people are signed up and sent out with a mission to recruit as many people as they can and make everybody rich," said Mr One of the converts is Dec

One of the converts is Dec Cluskey, a member of the Bachelors pop group that won fame in the 1960s. He was recruited by a showbusiness agent in Brighton and has recruited two people himself—one of them his son, Oliver. He is furious that the Department of Trade and Indus.

partment of Trade and Indus-try took legal action to get Titan closed down. "I stood to make an awful lot of money. I was looking forward to a very long life with Titan. I got my son involved and now I'm pissed off completely. My son had just finished university and was excited, and now the to Titan, using the DTI has slapped his hand." sentation Act of 1987

mid. The catch is that there is was, he said, "absolutely won-always only a limited pool of derful — there was so much the best business presenta-tion I have ever seen. You can can't influence people by loud music alone. It was a chance for ordinary people to make an extraordinary amount of

money."

He has showbusiness friends who have also joined, like Chris Ellison from The Bill, the comic Stan Boardman - who tells jokes against the Germans — and snooker player Tony Knowles, "We play an awful lot of charity golf days, so we had long and deep discussions about the company and we were totally

happy."
Newbury's Liberal Demo-crat MP, David Rendel, who at Easter told the House of Commons that Titan was "an iniquitous pyramid-selling scam", knows of people who are much less happy. "One of my constituents sent me an anonymous letter about the business and a copy of the form in which you have to promise not to tell anybody about it."

Jim Potts forecast that the winding up of Titan could choke the civil courts. He is advising members that they may be entitled to sue those - often friends and relatives - who have introduced them

# The pyramid scam Each new recruit paid £2,500 to join (now £3,000). The money was paid partners higher up the pyramid as shown. Each new

# Food poisoning panic grips Japan

tuned to the BBC, a drop of 10 The Queen's TV times

charity.

made by the BBC's head of in 1994 when it contemplated events programmes. Philip moving the broadcast from its Gilbert, for the sixth year traditional 3pm slot.

PM warns Japan to expect even | a hospital overflowing with | worst cases, kidney failure. Raw eel in sushi was first worse as seven die, 8,500 fall ill

Mary Jordan in Sekal

WIMMING pools are boarded up; play-grounds are empty. Anxious parents keep children at home and away from others. Nervous restaurant owners boil everything, even melons. A small plane equipped with loudspeakers flies low, warning citizens to

Japan is in the midst of its worst outbreak of food poi-soning in recent years, with seven dead and more than 8,500 ill. It has spread to almost every region, except the northern island of Hokkaido. The prime minister, Ryutaro Hashimoto, yesterday an nounced a crash programme to inspect food products to combat the spread of the "massive" epidemic, and warned that the outbreak was not expected to peak until August. He urged the public with severe pain and fever in fever, vomiting and, in the

to get medical treatment at the first signs of any unusual

symptoms.

More than 6,100 of the ill live in Sakai, an industrial city across Osaka Bay from Kobe. Most are children, including 600 who remain hospitalised. Two young girls one with a cerebral haemor-rhage and another with a damaged heart — are struggling to live. Doctors believe virtually all

million viewers, most of them

running. Next year, ITN will

produce the broadcast, with radio distribution to 190

stations around the world being handled by its partners independent Radio News.

Marcus Plantin, ITV's net-

work director, said: 'I am de-

given the opportunity to par-ticipate in the annual broad-cast .... it is a welcome ack-

nowledgement of ITN's

excellent and long-standing

track record of quality news and factual programming."

those poisoned were infected by a strain of Escherichia coli bacteria called O-157, and many appear to have contracted it from school

Atsuka Tsuge, aged seven, wearing a glittery headband and clutching a favourite book about a pig that went shopping, said she never liked her school lunches, especially because teachers forced students to eat every

"The anger and anxiety over what has happened is in every corner of this city." said her mother, Michiyo Tsuge. "We don't know where this came from and we don't know how to stop it."

million in five years.

The 1996 broadcast will be | ITV ran into controversy | first television broadcast was

☐ The Sun published extracts

from the 1992 broadcast in advance; it was forced to apolo-

gise to the Queen and pay £200,000 in damages to

☐ The BBC was also forced to

apologise in 1987 when the

contents leaked to six tabloid

newspapers. Royal correspon-dent Michael Cole had dis-

cussed the broadcast with

reporters at a private lunch.

The first broadcast was on

radio in 1932, made by George V, from Sandringham. The

Health officials have or-dered schools in the hardest hit areas to test their water supply for 0-157. They have also ordered food preparers to preserve left-overs for two weeks to help epidemiologists track the source of bacteria. A trsk force in Sakai's city hall is co-ordinating nationwide efforts. It has established an emergency hotline, and 500,000 leaflets are being distributed. In a country where meat is often eaten raw, people are being warned to

cook everything.

The first cases of poisoning showed up in May in Okayama prefecture, in southwestern Japan, causing the death of two children. On July 11, Atsuka and other children were taken to hospisuspected, and still has not been ruled out, because many of the ill children ate it at school. But doctors believe a boy near Tokyo was poisoned by eating slices of raw beef liver, a delicacy. Authorities believe there may be several causes of the poisonings.

It has spawned the tradi-tion of an alternative Christ-

mas Day broadcast on Chan-

nel 4. Presenters have included Jesse Jackson, Quentin Crisp and Brigitte Bardot.

☐ The Queen headed into cyberspace for the first time in 1994 as the broadcast was

transmitted on the Internet.

□ Informality was introduced to the broadcast in 1986 by

producer Sir David Attenborough when the Queen dis-pensed with her desk and was filmed at a children's Christ-

There are hundreds of strains of E. coli, most of which live in the intestines of animals and usually pose no threat to humans. E. coli bacteria are commonly found in But the strain known as O-157 can damage the lining of the intestine, cause bloody diar-rhoes, kidney damage and, in the severest cases, death.
In Japan, abbatoirs are in-

spected by local government employees who visually check the meat. No govern-ment inspections are required in processin where meat is cut and packaged. Atsushi Oda, an official in the health ministry, said the government was now considering more stringent regulations. — Washington Post.

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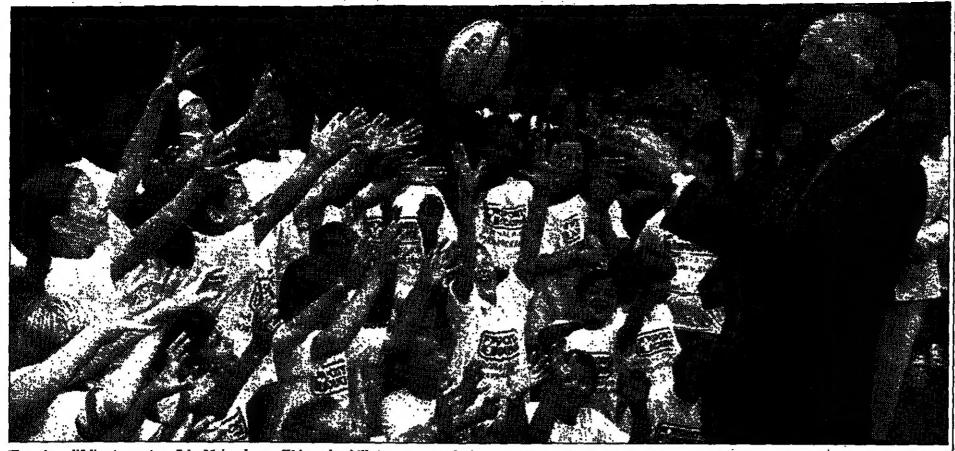


Some doubt whether, in the chaotic world of nature, real predictions can be made early enough to head off alien invasions. The best approach may be to identify not the species that could invade. but the ecosystems vulnerable to invasion.

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#### Labour claims credit for proposed academy of excellence financed by lottery money



Throwing a lifeline to sport . . . John Major shows off his rugby skills to youngsters during yesterday's gathering of sporting personalities in the garden of 10 Downing Street

# Major lobs £300m into reviving sport

John Carvel

OHN Major yesterday held out the prospect of a glittering future for British sport with the help of a £300 million annual subvention from the National Lottery. But he failed to explain how thousands of schools would recover the playing fields they have been forced to sell or rediscover coaching enthusiasm among disillusioned

The Prime Minister pub-lished a prospectus for a Brit-

lance to develop a new gen- | range of technology and laneration of champions, using £100 million of lottery money. "I envisage a single central academy in up to 100 acres of land," he said. "The purpose is to provide an academy that will provide the best training. the best coaching the best sports medicine, the best

sports science for elite sports men and women." It would

also offer facilities for disabled competitors.
The academy would link up with a network of regional sports colleges and specialist secondary schools which ministers want to establish to develop sporting excellence -modelled on the existing

guage colleges. There would be a "ladder of sporting opportunity" stretching down to primary school level where a new cur-

for competitive games.

The Prime Minister an nounced a Sportsmark award to identify schools which have done most to improve their sporting achievement. It will be open to all schools providing the regulation two hours a week of PE. There will also be a Gold Star Award for schools offering at least four hours a week of

riculum has been put in place

to develop the skills needed

Minister was reviewing progress since his policy paper on sport last year. Other ini-tiatives include:

☐ A "university challenge" to establish 200 extra sporting holarships by the time of the Sydney Olympics in four years. There are currently about 200 scholarships worth E5,000 a year.

A decision by British Coal to transfer the freehold of 220 recreational sites in the Mid-

lands and north of England to a trust which will keep them for sporting use

sales of playing fields.

☐ From September all schools will have to report to

> prospectus and annual report. Labour welcomed the plans for a sporting academy and the idea first. Jack Cunning-ham, shadow National Herlsecretary, said it was right to direct lottery money into sport, but more should go to school sports which were neglected for 17 years.

parents on their sports provi-

sion and achievement in their

Thousands of playing fields have been sold for develcoment PE in schools has

mer headmaster and former education minister, said: "British sporting prowess has drastically slumped because of the decline of school sport since the withdrawal of teachclaimed credit for thinking of ers from voluntary activities in 1985 and the introduction of the 1,265 hours-a-year teacher contract. The nur of physical education teach ers has dropped over recent years by 20 per cent to 25 per cent, and a number of PE col-leges have even closed."

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probationers who accused

PC Bridle were cross-exam-

ined. The prosecutor, hav-

ing heard evidence from the policewomen, felt he could not prove the offence.

Anyone who believes no objection will be taken to his

# Imran drops Botham from top bowlers

Vivek Chaudhary

MRAN Khan, who should know a good cricketer when he sees one, claimed yesterday that when he gave an interview about the world's greatest bowlers tam-pering with the ball. Ian Botham did not feature in his

The mini-snub, delivered at the High Court, came as Im-ran said Botham peaked as a bowler in 1981. From then onwards, he began to lose that outswing and gradually his performances started going down, but as a batsman he be

in mind because he's not a seam bowler." The article, headlined "World's greatest players have all doctored the ball" appeared in the Sun newspaper in May 1994.

newspaper in May 1994. Botham is suing Imran over the article, which he claims accused him of ball tampering. Botham and former Eng-land batsman Allan Lamb are suing Imran over an inter-view in India Today magazine which quoted him as saying they were racists, uneducated and lacking class.

Imran, who denies libel claims he never called Botham a cheat and he was misquoted in the magazine

When asked by George Carman, QC, representing Imran, to pick his top English bowlers he chose John Snow for pace, Derek Underwood

swing. He said Botham was the greatest all rounder Eng-land had produced.

Imran said the current furore over ball tampering started during the 1992 series between England and Pakistan. The tabloid press waged a campaign against the Pakistan team accusing them of ball tampering, using head-lines like "Paki cheats."

Rumours were spread that fast bowlers Wasim Akram and Waqir Younis were ball tampering to achieve reverse swing, a technique perfected in Pakistan but largely unknown in England at the time.

Imran, who had retired "At the time [of the article] from cricket by then, said he felt hurt at the racist comments and wanted to defend his former team mates and the Pakistani community who where being treated like "sacrificial lambs".

Imran said he confessed in an unauthorised biography to using a bottle top to tamper with the ball in 1981 because he wanted to clarify the issue over tampering and declare it was widespread in cricket.

Earlier, England captain Mike Atherton said the laws of cricket needed to be changed to allow certain forms of ball tampering which are already tacitly accepted. On the India Today interview, Imran said his views did not reflect what he said. egalitarian society. We are Pathans, a tribal group, we always have egalitarian."

The case continues. for spin and Geoff Arnold for



Mike Atherton yesterday



Witness: England captain Former Pakistan captain

#### Plan put forward to burn cattle as fuel in power stations

and Alex Bellos

\*HE Government vester THE Government yester-day signalled the go-ahead for a new scheme to deal with the cattle carcases piling up as a result of the BSE crisis, which would enable them to be burned as fuel in power stations: Although the plan must be approved by Parliament when it returns in the mingham Hindu Community claims that BSE can be transcows under the accelerated autumn, the Department of Centre called on people of all mitted to sheep.

Trade and Industry yesterday slipped out the new regula-tions to allow power stations to use rendered meat and bones as fuel.

The scheme is likely to prove controversial, but ministers consider it an accept-able alternative to burying carcases, and one way of tackcarcases, and one way of tack. News of the step came as ling the logistical problems of the Government put forward mass incineration.

A spokesman for the Bir-

religions to speak up against the proposals, saying: "Treating animals as a fuel is Hogg, announced a £29 milunthinkable." Roger Lilley, of Friends of the Earth, said he was con-

cerned the emissions from power stations may pose health probl sheep slaughtering, after

lion compensation scheme for beef farmers who may have lost out on cattle slaughtered between March 20 and June

At the same time the agri-

Farmers will be eligible for compensation to the value of 90 per cent of a replacement younger animal where they have been forced to lose older

# Judge in 'groping' case speaks out

HE judge condemned by women's groups for saying a policeman accused of groping colleagues' breasts should have received a "good ticking off" instead of facing trial took the unusual step of defending him-

self publicly yesterday. Judge Alastair McCallum issued a statement through the Lord Chancellor's Department saying he was surprised at media reports on the collapse of the case against PC Robert Bridle.

The judge made it clear that he directed not guilty verdicts at Bradford crown court on Monday because the prosecution had offered the prosecution had offered ence outside the court min-no evidence after the two utes after the case ended."

**'Red' Jessica** 

Mitford dies

aged 78 in

California

Christopher Reed and Maggie O'Kane

actions cannot be convicted of indecent assault, even if the victim does object. Lynne Tolan, a detective chief inspector who investigated the case, described the judge's comments as "biased, crass, prejudicial, outdated and out of order".

Judge McCallum said: "I am astonished that a retired policewoman, who was on the witness list and who therefore was not in court to bear any evidence. should give a press confer-

# **Benefit ruling blow for Lilley**

dreds of millions of pounds after the law lords yesterday ruled that residents of many local authority old people's homes should have become eligible for income support when the homes were transferred to voluntary sector ownership, writes David

THE Government faces a setback for Peter Lilley, bill running into hun- Social Security Secretary, in Social Security Secretary, in his drive to cut benefits spending. One in five social services authorities is ex-pected to demand back-pay-ments, as may some health authorities.

Tad Kubisa, president of the Association of Directors of Social Services, said: Local authorities have lost One authority, Dorset, and mated it would receive 28 million in back-payments as a said the implications of the decision were being

# **BBC** governors' accountability comes under public spotlight



Andrew Cutt Media Corresp

T IS three years since the BBC's governors were last thrust so uncompro-misingly into the public

spotlight.
Then, they were debating whether the former chairman, Marmaduke Hussey. and the director general. John Birt, should resign after it had been revealed that Mr Birt had been employed by the corporation on a freelance basis so that he could reduce his tax bill.
The two men survived the

crisis - but the outcome was a redefinition of the role of the governors to produce a more accountable BBC. That accountability is to be put to the test this morning.

The governors were given details of Mr Birt's radical overhaul of the corporation at a meeting in May, although some of them did not spot the significance of what was being proposed for the World

Richard Eyre, the director of the Royal National Theatre, who joined the board six months ago, has promised to raise the concerns of World Service campaigners at

today's meeting. But apart from the chairman, Sir Christopher Bland, none of the governors has spoken out publicly about the row, despite an open appeal published in the Guardian resterday by 140 leading public figures for a delay in implementing the plan.

Yesterday's joint BBC/Foreign Office statement emphasised that the governors

#### My World Service

Ben Okri

T SEEMS astonishing to me that a nation should have a priceless asset and could so lightly throw it away. I can not think of any other nation, or indeed any organisation like the BBC World Service - one that

goodwill, is so trusted, and has Most nations somehow how quietly and effectively it has been entering into the consciousness of the peoples of the world. Only tyrants and dictators think of it as an

nerates in the world so much

It is the worldwide friend of the intelligent and the poor. the oppressed and even the complacent. It more or less spreads news objectively, and disseminates culture

generously. It loves diversity, and fosters understanding. You could not set out to create communication and benign

It sort of developed out of its own principles and necessities. The people who work for the World Service do so for relatively low pay and out of a love for an ideal of humanity. Wise nations would give anything to have such a ewel. How painstakingly are such things built; how easily can they be destroyed. They only happen once in the

history of lucky nations, And

when they are gone they can never be rebuilt, nor their

influence regained.



Christopher Bland, BBC chairman, on his way to meet

the proposals on World BBC's management, and as Service".

Governors approached by the Guardian for comment did not return calls. The 12 BBC governors, who include representatives for the Scottish, Welsh and Northern Irish national regions, have limited experi-

ence of broadcasting. The

youngest is aged 44, and the

average age is 57. Today's meeting is not expected to produce a definitive statement from the gover-"continue to take a nors. Despite their newly-en- | vice changes.

close interest in the impact of | hanced role overseeing the est, the traditional cloak of secrecy which surrounds their meetings is likely to be maintained.

That is unlikely to satisfy the novelist and former gov-ernor PD James, who accused the chairman and director general of arrogance in the way they announced the restructuring. Nor will it appease the six former governors who have appealed for a rethink over the World Ser-

#### Who they are

Sir Christopher Bland: Chairman since April 1996. Age 58. Chairman of NFC since 1994. Media experience: became millionaire working with Greg Dyke at LWT; exchairman IBA.

Lord Cocks of Hartcliffe: Vice-chairman since 1993. Age 66. Labour chief whip 1976-79; deputy chairman Docklands Development Corporation since 1988. Media experience: kept out of the TV limelight while chief whip. Sir Kenneth Bloomfield: National governor for Northern Ireland since 1991. Age 65. Media experience:

Gwyn Jones: National Age 47. Chairman Welsh development Agency 1988 experience: none. . Rev Norman Drummond: National governor for Scotland since 1994. Age 44. Media experience: none. Bill Jordan: Governor since

1988. Age 60. General secretary International Confederation of Free Trade Unions; president Amalgamated Engineering Union 1986-95. Media experience: master of trade union soundbite. Lord Nicholas Gordon Lennox: Governor since 1990. ambassador to Spain 1984-90. Media experience: none. Margaret Spurr: Governor since 1993. Age 62. Chairwon English National Forum. Media experience: none. Janet Cohen: Governor since 1994. Age 56. Director Charterhouse Bank. Media

experience: none. Sir David Scholey: Governor March 1994 to February 1995 and since November 1995, Age Director Bank of England. Media experience: soundbites from boardroom. Richard Eyre: Governor since November 1995. Age 53. Director Royal National Theatre. Media experience: **BBC** television drama

producer, 1988 BAFTA and RTS

Adrian White: Governor since

1995. Age 53. Chairman Biwater

and Epsom Health Care NHS

Trust 1990-94. Media expe-

award winning film.

since 1947. Her sister Diana, married Sir Oswald Mosley, leader of the British fascist movement, while Unity became enam-oured of Hitler and shot her-self in the head when war was declared. One of the six daughters of Lord and Lady Redesdale, Jessica eloped to Spain in 1938, aged 19, to fight with the Communists. She fell out with her sister. Diana, over Munich and they barely spoke for 50 years.
At the age of 77, she and a

> circus elephant. Her son, Benjamin Treu-haft said her funeral would be "as cheap as possible" to avoid the bogus trappings she criticised in her book, "In fact the undertaker was expelled from the morticians' union for undercutting prices," he

There would be no religious trappings to her cremation. "Maybe a few Marxist incantations." he added. The six black horses with white plumes that Ms Mittord humorously requested would not be present. Neither would she be embalmed although the author enthusiastically recalled "they can make you look 20 years younger",

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said,

# Buy the mobile phone. Get the pocket TV free.

JESSICA Mitford, the aris-tocratic English author **Panasonic** turned Marxist who became famous for writing an expose of the US funeral business, **NEW GSM MODEL 350.**  40 name/number memory stored on SIM the American Way of Death, has died, aged 78. in Oakland. ♦ Up to 39 hours standby-time California, where she lived ◆ Up to 170 mins talk-time ◆ Data compatible ◆ Dimensions 142x46x34mm ♦ Weight 245g backing group released a ver-sion of 'Maxwell's Silver Hammer' which they sang on US television and on top of a tBatteries nat included LIMITED OFFER PHONE NOW

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### Artist Wins top portrait prize at first try

Dan Glaister Arts Correspondent

25-YEAR-OLD artist from Derbyshire won the £10.000 National Portrait Gallery's BP portrait award yesterday with

a self-portrait.

James Hague beat almost 800 entrants to win the prize, Britain's most prestigious portrait award, and will receive a £2,000 commission for the National Portrait Gallery's contemporary collection

porary collection.

The award is seen as an important stepping stone for young artists and is credited with reviving the position of portraits in modern art. It is open to painters aged 18 to 40.

The prize was presented last night at the National Portrait Gallery in Trafalgar Square by Jonathan Miller. The second prize of £4,000 went to Peter Andersen, and the third prize of sen, and the third prize of

£2,000 to Mark McPadden. It is the first time Mr Hague has entered the com-petition, which is now in its 15th year. In 1994, he completed a degree in fine art at the University of North-umbria, and has been painting in France and Spain since graduating. The award gained minor

notoriety three years ago when the winning entry, a double portrait by Philip Harris, showing himself and his girlfriend lying naked in a dry river bed, was censored in some newspapers.

Of the 772 entries, 63 will be exhibited at the gallery. The exhibition leaves London in November, opening at the Aberdeen Art Gal-lery on November 2.



which won him £10,000

A window in memory of the estate agent Suzy Lamplugh is unveiled today at All Saints Church, East Sheen, London, commissioned by her family from designer Alan Younger to mark the 10th anniversary of her disappearance while at work Women, G2, page 4

# **Bribe claim dismissed**

Media Correspondent

N allegation by the failed lottery bidder Richard Branson that

The inquiry, conducted by criminal barrister Anne Raf-ferty, was boycotted by Mr on, chairman of the Virgin Group, who denounced the report as "worthless His allegation against Guy Snowden, co-chairman of GTech, part of the winning Camelot lottery consortium, was made on BBC1's Pandispute between the two men is to be aired again in the High Court this year, each is suing the other for libel.

of the National Lottery, said he would take no action as a be had been the subject of a bylbery attempt was dismissed yesterday in a report published by the lottery's regulator, Peter Davis.

Tesult of the report Ms Rafferty concluded: "I am not able to find as a fact there was any attempt to bribe Mr Richard Branson on September 24,

In the Panorama interview, Mr Branson said Mr Snowden had tried to secure his withdrawal from the race for a lottary licence.

Mr Snowden said in a written submission that he refuted any untoward motive for his comments to Mr Branson at a working lunch at the orama last November. The latter's west london home.

no hint that Camelot felt threatened by Mr Branson's bid, and the approach for hunch had come from him. She asked why it took Mr Branson two years to air his grievance. Mr Branson said: "We expected the report to be worther less, and have not been disappointed. This is precisely why we refused to participate."

Ms Rafferty said there was

been sufficiently public and independent. He looked forward to the "verdict of a Brit-ish jury, who will have had the chance of hearing both sides of the story".

A GTech spokesman said: "GTech are pleased that the Rafferty report has been pub-lished, and we welcome its conclusions."

#### Study to consider RUC methods and the need for marching code

# Mayhew orders review of use of plastic bullets

review the use of plas-tic bullets by the police in Northern Ireland along with the RUC's handling of marches and pa-rades, it was announced last

rades, it was announced last night.
Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, said the Inspector of Constabulary would undertake a review of the RUC's procedures and training for handling public order situations.
The reviews were ordered in the wake of recent street violence following the Orange violence following the Orange Order parade in Portadown which was first stopped and

then permitted after loyalist

Ken Maginnis; the Ulster Unionist security spokesman, Sir Patrick said the review would take account of the dis-order surrounding recent parades, including the Porta-down stand-off when 6,000 rounds of plastic bullets were

The review would also study the "need to ensure ade-quate protection of RUC offi-cers faced with determined assaults and petrol bombers". Sir Patrick also announced the terms of reference for a review of parades and

He said the review would

legislation.

It would study the need for new machinery, both formal and informal, to help in determining whether and how processions should take place.

Killer crayfish

possible role for, and compo-sition of, codes of practice for the organisers of and partici-pants in public processions".

The reviews are expected by the end of this year or early next year. The Police Authority for Northern Ireland welcomed the announcements. Chairman Pat Armstrong said the review by the Inspector of Constabulary should "pro-vide an objective and profes-

sional assessment of the

RUC's capability for handling public order situations". He also welcomed the terms consider his own powers and those of the RUC, together with the adequacy of legislation.

of reference for the review of parades and pledged the authority would play a full part and will be encouraging all those in positions of influence to do so well as well".

But the initiatives will be too late for the next emotive date on the loyalist calendar

the Apprentice Boys' march, around the old walls of Londonderry, in two

weeks' time. With loyalists and nationalists on a collision course over the routing of the parade, both the Northern Ireland Office and the RUC have appealed to both sides to rea compromise locally. Instead insults have been traded.

Apprentice Boys from throughout Northern Ireland were meeting in Londonderry last night to consider their next move.

But tensions have been of the Bogside Residents Group to stage a march and ist enclave of the Waterside to the city centre, to commemorate the first civil rights marches 28 years ago. Union-

# Crayfish threatens drought plans

Martin Wainwright on 'grey squirrel of the river' plaguing Yorkshire Water

N armoured crustacean △ branded as a voracious cannibal and master of escape by government scien-tists, emerged yesterday as the latest threat to belea-guered Yorkshire Water's frought relief plans.

The firm is being threat-ened with prosecution if it institutes a proposed water transfer link to the Tees catchment in the North East. carcinism in the North East.

Emergency pipelines would breach a legal no-go cordon for signal crayfish — imported as a delicacy from the United States but now the target of some of the Government's toughest wildlife protection measures - according to Friends of the Earth.

The American crayfish is condemned by naturalists as the "grey squirrel of the river" because of its destruction of the smaller British white-clawed crayfish in south of England river basins where imported animals have escaped from fish farms.

The Ministry of Agriculture and the Environment Agency He felt the inquiry had not have published leaflets de Yorkshire Water, which yet of the two rivers."

scribing the signal as aggres-sive escape artists capable of wiping out entire populations of native crayfish within days through predation, compet tion and a virulent fungal disease, crayfish plague. "We are confident the Envi-

roument Agency would have to bring a criminal case under the Government's protected species action plan in-troduced in May," said Matt Phillip of FcE.

He said the connection would breach amendments to the Wildlife and Countryside Act which have categorised the signal an invasive species and made assistance to its spread a criminal offence.

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protests at its annual meeting edged there was a problem following the discovery of sig-nal crayfish in a Tees tributary whose water would be linked by transfer pipes to the rivers of North Yorkshire.

A Yorkshire Water spokes-woman said mesh screens would guarantee that signals could not enter the pipelines.
She said the plague, which is carried by signals but does not affect them, was being studied. She said: "There is no evidence that crayfish plague is present in the Tees and Tyne, but we are conduct-

### Eat the pest

WAYS to help with the signal Use old kippers as bait in a scambler (mesh net) at the sunyle (fishing station).

□ Remember. When the frost be up, crayfish sup
□ Chant: Ting-a-ling-ling!

Come warm the pot, Old Man Crayfish wants it hot. ☐ Eat a la Suede: plunge into boiling beer and saltwater, add bunch of fresh dill. Serve with ice cold pepper vodka.

Research by Caspar Will

The plague has attracted a further range of draconian government measures, including a fishermen's code which warns that waders and clothes used in signal crayfish waters should be disinfected. Environment Agency guidelines instruct: procedure should always be followed before sampling is carried out in waters contain-

ing native crayfish."

The agency confirmed yes terday that signals had been found in the Tees patchment. A spokeswoman said the issue would have to come before the drought order public inquiry which would be to try to use the link.

#### Ireland declares war on 'untouchable' criminal gangs

OUGH measures to crack down on organised crime in the Irish republic, after a wave of drug-related and terrorist shootings, will be drawn from the Garda Sio-rushed through parliament in chana, the tax authorities and

Dublin today.

Amid public outrage after the murders of an award-winning crime journalist and a

ment of more policemen, extra prison places, fast-track court procedures and restrictions on ball — subject to a referendum in November. Centrepiece of the strategy

will be a new special unit the departments of finance and justice, with powers to seize the assets of criminals, labelled the "godfathers" of policeman, MPs will back a Ireland's crime world by the wide-ranging law and order Taoiseach, John Bruton. He

package involving recruit | has warned them: "You are | ally recognised" safe haven With 34 murders recorded so far this year - compared with a total of 45 for 1995 and a sharp rise in other crime, Ireland's reputation as

a largely law-abiding country has been tarnished. Barry Galvin, state solicitor for Cork, warned recently that vigilante and terrorist shootings will escalate sharply unless drugs barons

for people with criminal wealth. "They are living roy-ally and quite openly with the eds of crime, particularly drugs," he said.

Pressure for tough mea

sures came after the journal ist Veronica Guerin, who had exposed a number of Dublin's criminal godfathers, was shot dead last month. Public anger had already been heightened by by the murder of a policeare targeted. The republic man, Jerry McCabe, in Co had become an "internation- Limerick three weeks earlier."

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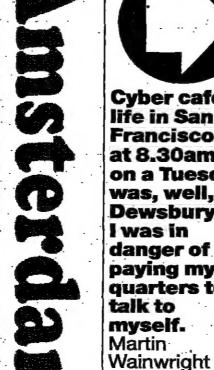
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Cyber cafe life in San Francisco at 8.30am on a Tuesday was, well, Dewsburyish. I was in danger of paying my quarters to talk to myself. Martin-

OnLine

# West heads for trade war

HE European Union and the United States edged closer to a trade war yesterday when Presi-dent Clinton endorsed a bill empowering him to penalise companies investing in gas or

The bill, introducing US sanctions against the two countries which Washington considers sponsors of terrorism, follows the threatened imposition of American pen-alties on non-US firms which trade with Cuba.

against terrorism and the countries that sponsor it. Now the nations of the world will know they can trade with them or trade with us. They have to choose," said Alfonse D'Amato, a Republican sena-tor from New York and chief sponsor of the bill. Iran condemned the US

moves, saying they were certain to prove ineffective.
"It's nothing new, just the continuation of measures taken by American rulers to pressure independent countries," the foreign minisindependent

try said in Tehran.
As the White House sig-

already been backed by both European businesses. The in Lockerbie and other incihouses of Congress, the European Commission in Brussels was discussing counter-measures. It is close to finalisting a directive prohibiting any EU company from co-operating with US courts in cases where US corporations take action against them under the Helms/Burton (anti-Cuban)

legislation.
The directive would allow European companies hit by US sanctions to sue for compensation in European courts. The European courts try said in Tehran.

As the White House signalled President Clinton's apan an American company which

draft counter-measures will come up for approval by EU governments early next week.

signed to respond to the threat of sanctions against our commanies in the case of trade with Cuba. But it will be open to the Council of Ministers to extend it to cover other countries, such as Iran and Libya," a Commission spokesman said last night.

The European trade com-missioner, Sir Leon Brittan, said: "The European Union about international terrorism. Europeans have also

"It's time to take real action | proval for the bill, which has | initiated legal action against | been the victims of terrorism | ised by the D'Amato/Kennedy dents. But this is not the way to go about tackling the problem." The British government

has led the demand in the EU for effective European measures to counter US sanctions. The Foreign Office said yesterday: "We agree that there should be a common Western policy on Iran and Libya. But we cannot accept impose sanctions under the threat of mandatory penalties on our companies carrying out trade with these countries in the oil and gas sectors." President Clinton is authorbill to penalise international companies where investment by them would "significantly enhance" Iran or Libya's production potential for oil or

The French government criticised the US measure yes-terday. A foreign ministry spokesman said: "We do not accept the principle of extraterritorial application of national laws." The French oil company Total, which has investments in two oilfields

in Libya and signed a £400 million deal last year to develop an Iranian offshore oil and gas field, has said it will continue undeterred.

News in brief

# Spanish police hold 'three bombers'

SPANISH police arrested three members of the Basque separation ist organisation ETA yesterday who they say were planning to consolidate the group's summer bombing campaign with an attack in the north-matter's region of Calicia.

The three, After Fresnedo, Carlos Emilio Cristôbal Martinez and Maria Aranzazu Garballo, made up one of ETA's most attack in the north-western region of Galicia. experienced units, responsible for several bombings and

They were rounded up in an early morning raid in the town of Pontevedra and were almost cartainly preparing an attack to coincide with the festival of Santiago, patron saint of Spain.

"It would have been the pièce de resistance to the recent celebrated today. [bombing] campaign," said the Spanish interior minister,

Jaime Mayor Oreja.
Yesterday's arrest follows a French police operation on Tuesday in which one of ETA's top leaders and five members were day in which one of ETA's top leaders.—Adela Gooch, Madrid, rounded up near Pau and in Paris.—Adela Gooch, Madrid.

### 'British spy wrote thrillers'

A RUSSIAN facing irial for spying for Britain was named by a Russian newspaper on Wednesday as a 22-year-old diplomat, parttime writer of espionage thrillers and son of a former deputy

The Argumenty i Fakty weekly said Platon Obukhov, who triggered a spy scandal earlier this year after being accused of passing information to British intelligence, wrote popular espio-

nassing information to British intelligence, wrote popular esphonage and crime thrillers on the side.

The newspaper said Mr Obukhov was a second secretary in the foreign ministry's prestigious North America department. "He dealt with touchy, delicate questions such as disarmament."

A spokesman for the British embassy in Moscow declined comment, saying only: "We regard the whole incident as closed."

In the tit-for-tat expulsion row which erupted in May, Britain expelled four Russian diplomats in response to Moscow's decision to throw out the same number of British embassy employees.

to throw out the same number of British embassy employe Argumenty i Pakty said Obukhov's father Alexei had been a deputy to the former Soviet foreign minister Eduard Shevard-nadse. — Reader, Moscow.

#### Arrest for London blasts

AN ISRAELI court ordered a woman to be held for 10 days yesterday on suspicion of being involved in two 1994 bombings against Jewish targets in London, security sources said.

Israel Radio described the woman as an Israeli-Arab aged 30. Channel Two television said she held a French passport and was arrested on arrival in Israel from Europe.

Security sources said the Shin Bet secret service was conducting the investigation. The court banned publication of the woman's name.

Israel blamed Islamic militants for a car bomb which exploded outside the Israeli embassy in London in July 1994, wounding 14 people. Twelve hours later a second car bomb went off outside the north London offices of a Jewish fund-raising organisation wounding five people.

British newspapers said at the time that a Palestinian widow seeking revenge for the killing of her husband and son planted at least one of the bombs. — Reuter, Jerusalem.

#### Old flames rekindled

AN ARANDONED Italian vented his anger by setting fire to the island beauty spots where he courted his wife, newspapers said

Pio Lorenzo Vitiello, aged 32, was arrested on suspicion of arson this week on the Mediterranean island of Ponza, where fires lestroyed 500 acres of brushland earlier this month. Newspapers said Mr Vitiello's romance had blossomed in the places where the fires were set — but his wife left him three

"Seeing those places where he had spent the happiest moments of his life with her made him lose his head." the Rome newspaper ssaggero quoted an investigator as saying. — Reuter, Rome.

#### Convict outsmarts judges

AN Israeli convict took revenge on his judges from his jail cell —

Police said yesterday that Oren Avraham, aged 22, jailed for

three years on fraud charges, was being investigated on suspicion of making nuisance calls from Ayalon prison.

He would call police from the jail pretending to be one of them to get them to give him secret computer data on the judges, the

newspaper Yedioth Abronoth reported. It said he had pizza sent to the judges on their own credit cards. He charged some of the calls he placed on the phone card of one

With the computer information he had acquired. Avraham would call a judge saying: "Tell me, your honour, did you know your daughter's licence was taken away for speeding?" The newspaper said that he even ordered air tickets and then charged them to a senior official in the prime minister's office. — Rader, Jerusalem.

#### Internet surfs into dictionary

CHINA has revamped its Modern Chinese Dictionary for the first time since its conception in 1956 to introduce contemporary phrases and excise revolutionary dogma, the chief editor said

include words unknown when Chairman Mao Zedong's govern-ment first commissioned the dictionary but commonplace after the reforms of paramount leader Deng Xiaoping, ranging from "facsimile" to "credit card" and "karaoke". Other fashionable imported terms include "MTV" and "Internet". — Reuter, Beijing.



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Salomon Blomberg-Feingold, aged 76, kisses the hand of his sister Rebecca, aged 79, on their reunion in Rehovot, Israel, after 60 years separation. Rebecca left Poland for Palestine in 1936 and thought her whole family had died in the Holocaust until Salomon was traced in Russia through a series of coincide

Christopher Reed in Los Angeles

NOTHER referendum on illegal immigration is being prepared by Conservatives in southern California, threatening to fuel hatred in a region already di-

vided by racial strife.

The measure — drafted by the group that successfully lobbied for the discriminatory Proposition 187 - would make it an offence to let, sub-let or sell property to illegal immigrants. It would enable businesses to sue competitors hiring workers without proper documents.

The aim, says the group, is to drive illegal immigrants

back to their native country, usually Mexico, or into an-

The proposed penalties for landlords include fines of \$3,000 to \$5,000 (£2,000-£3,300); two convictions could mean two years in prison for each offence: The penalties would be doubled for tax-exempt or non-profit organisations, a threat to the Roman Catholic Church's sanctuary movement, which provides shelter for illegal immigrants.

"This is designed to put priests in jail." said Snow Hume, an anti-immigration campaigner. "We are seeking to put an end to the sanctuary

Mr Hume outraged the state's Korean community last year when he addressed a Korean-American mayor in a mock Asian accent during a council meeting in Orange county. This deeply conservative and racist suburban area | tors and handymen?

base for campaigners promoting the new initiative.

Its opponents claim the initiative is as legally flawed as Proposition 187, which was passed with a strong majority in the 1994 elections. The supreme court found its provisions against providing health care and education to undocu mented workers and their children unconstitutional. The new measure may face

the same fate, but its oppo-nents say it is likely to force immigrants underground. Illegal workers feed a vast illicit economy by doing unpleasant, poorly paid jobs which most Before Proposition 187 was

southern California, particularly in Orange county, which has a long history of racism. In 1994 high school students clashed violently over the proposition, resulting in at east two murders. The organisers of the new

etition of this murderous Its opponents say the mea sure would encourage land

lords to discriminate against

uralised Hispanics. By encouraging employers of immigrants to spy on each other, the new measure could also have unintended consequences. If illegal workers have nowhere to live, how will Orange county's citizens find their maids, gardeners, jani-

# California vote | Jostling to be the mourner-in-chief

fans racial heat Even disasters such as the TWA crash do not deter politicians from playing politics. Ian Katz reports from New York

> furious with the gover nor. And the Republicans ac cuse the Democrats of failing to beef up airport security.
>
> A week after TWA flight 800

politics does not stop when tragedy strikes. The conflicting interests at

voted on, tension grew be-tween the communities in

proposition are risking a repracial conflict. They need the signatures of 435,000 regis-tered voters by November to put it on the 1928 ballot.

legally resident and even nat-

THE mayor is at war with | list of dignitaries before men-the airline. The feds are | tioning the relatives. | determination to track down the culprits, if there has been

crashed into the Atlantic off eastern Long Island, killing all 230 on board, investigators are still unable to establish the cause of the disaster. But one fact has emerged from the wreckage of the Boeing 747:

work in the handling of the disaster were highlighted yesterday when angry relatives of the French passengers who died in the crash claimed that the United States had rejected offers of sophisticated Prench salvage technology for politi-

cal reasons.
"I want my brother, I don't want politics," said Michael Oliver, one of the French relatives. He added that at the memorial service on Fire Island each speaker had thanked a

Politicians would never admit it, of course, but disasters are rich with political oppor-tunity — and danger. Public figures must strike the right balance between compassion and mawkishness, between being seen to act swiftly and jumping the gun. President Bill Clinton of-

fered a textbook demonstration of how to handle a disas ter last year after the Oklahoma City bombing. He comforted the families of victims with apparently sincere and well-articulated sympathy and simultaneously an-

nounced a crackdown on terrorists. His virtuoso performance as mourner-in-chief paid a handsome dividend: a 12point boost in the polls and

the apparent rejuvenation of his flagging presidency. This time the president faces a more complex chal-

dential election campaign.

These conflicting interests have been reflected in the White House's confused and tentative handling of the crash. On Tuesday the chief

foul play. On the other, he would rather not acknowl-

coastguard had barely ar-rived at the crash scene be-

fore every panjandrum in New York state was in East Moriches, vying for air-time. Rudolph Giuliani, the tough-talking New York mayor who makes it his busi-

edge the enduring threat of He also accused TWA execu terrorism during an Olympic Games on US soil and a presitives of lying to him.
The perentally mournful governor, George Pataki, a sworn political enemy of the mayor's even though they are both Republicans, chose a dif-

of staff, Leon Panetta, sug-gested that circumstantial evidence of a bomb had been discovered. A White House spokesman, Mike McCurry, then flatly contradicted him. The stakes are high for lesser politicians too. The

faces a more complex chal-lenge. On the one hand, he must quickly demonstrate a twists an ankle in news-

ferent strategy. He spent much of his time at the crash scene and tried to be first with news of developments in the investigation. The dangers of this ap-proach were highlighted on Tuesday when crash investigators denied a claim by the governor that "dozens and dozens" of bodies, perhaps as many as 100, had been discov-

worthy circumstances, set his sights on TWA. New Yorkers had scarcely

had time to digest the horror of what had happened before he was lambasting the airline

for taking 16 hours to tell rela-tives whether their loved

ones had been on the plane.

in sections of fuselage found by divers on the "We think the governor should not be making state-ments until he knows," said one relative, furious at seeing the hopes of the victims' fam-ilies raised then dashed.

# Banana workers challenge evictions

Larry Rohter in La Lima, Honduras

ROM the moment American fruit producers installed themselves in northern Honduras a century ago, La Lima has been the quintessential

company's word has been law. But now workers on banana plantations are resisting efforts by Chiquita Brands International to evict residents from land that has been worked on by up to three generations.

The company wants to offer the holdings to ranchers and developers, and says it needs to trim costs to increase produc-tion and remain competitive. Troops, police and gov-ernment mediators have all

been called in to resolve a dispute that the Roman Catholic bishops of Honduras described in a recent pastoral letter as "the symbol of all agrarian conflicts". But that seems only to have fanned popular resentment of the corporation once known as the United Fruit Co.
"The company wants to

For most of that time, the | show the government and | land so that they could farm ompany's word has been | Hondurans that they con- | it themselves. Company offitinue to be the power here." Oswaldo Martinez, news di-rector of the local Radio Progreso, said of the efforts to dislodge the workers. "It's a way of saying that they are still a state within a state and that Honduras,

unfortunately, is still a ba-nana republic." The dispute began in July 1994 when families on the Tacamiche plantation in La Lima and on three others received letters saying the company had designated the land for "closing or final abandonment" because it

was no longer fertile. Many of the families had lived there since the 1920s. 10 years before Honduras granted United Fruit title to more than 3.000 acres for \$1, and they were fright-ened at the order to leave. Residents claim they

in Honduras and the Roman Catholic Church denounced the raid as a blatant violation of Honduran law. Officials at Chiquita's Cincinnati headquarters

maintain the action was legal and justified. "The company feels it acted honourably ... but we were met with nothing but resistance from the very start," said spokesman Joseph Haasked about acquiring the

comparable land.

in Tacamiche, uprooting

their crops, and razing

their cabins and three

The Commission for the

Defence of Human Rights

It is clear that to be bearded has strong cultural associations with slovenliness. laziness and youthful rebellion. Like smoking pot, growing a beard is something that most students try once.

Mark Lawson

# Turkey puts hunger strikers on notice

Chris Nuttali in Ankara

ATHIRD prisoner died yes-terday in the two-month hunger strike in Turkey's jails. The justice minister. Sevket Kazan, after an emer-gency visit to an Istanbul prison, called for an end to the strike, but offered no

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concessions.

"We will remain patient for some time, meaning we will not launch an operation," he told a press conference after a foundation. four-hour meeting with the Istanbul governor, police chief and prison directors. "However, this issue cannot occupy Turkey's agenda much longer."

The protest has become the severest test of Turkey's first Islamist-led government.
Three prisoners have died

since Sunday in Istanbul jails in the campaign for improved conditions, and many others are reported to be close to death, several having lapsed

Their lawyers say they could die at any moment.

Mr kazan visited the Umraniye and Bayrampasa prisons in Istanbul yesterday to hold talks on resolving the

The previous day he told parliament that the two jails were no longer under state

"The situation is so bad that prison officials cannot enter Bayrampasa at all," he

"It is being managed by the 850-900 inmates there." The authorities are strug-gling to contain civil disorder

#### Strife carried to Germany

GERMAN police are blaming supporters of the hunger strike by leftwing prisoners in Turkey for a wave of attacks on Turkish businesses in Germany, urites Denis Staunton in Berlin.

Shops, offices and mosques throughout Germany have been attacked denisted the statement of the

during the past week.

A large warehouse for a Turkish-owned furniture company in Stuttgart was burnt down early yesterday. An Islamic cultural centre in Pforzheim and a Turkish social club near Ludwigs burg were also attacked.

Twenty Turks of a "soli-darity committee" in sup-port of the hunger strikers occupied a Frankfurt office of the Social Democrats yesterday. They said the party's silence on the events in Turkey meant it must share the blame for the hunger strike.

mock funeral for one of the victims led to the police being stoned and attempts to erec barricades and set fire to

buses. Yesterday 30 demonstrators were arrested outside Bayrampasa prison, there was a peaceful protest outside the ustice ministry in Ankara, and 250 people staged a sit-down demonstration at Buca prison in Izmir, another jai where the government says it has lost control.

Fifty people were arrested Two Turkish writers, Yasar medical treatment and in Istanbul on Tuesday after a Kemal and Orhan Pamuk, fers to remote prisons.

and a musician, Zulfu Livanell, issued a statement yester-day saying the prisoners were fasting for basic human rights not, as the government had claimed, for political

"Our prisons are worse than hell," it read."The hunger strike is the last resort of those who have lost all hope." Mr Kemal accused the jus-tice minister of beginning a holy war for the Welfare Party in the prisons. But we will resist it," he said. The government has been

taken aback by the situation in the prisons. Mr Kazan told parliament that the strict regulations introduced by the previous coalition in May, which sparked the hunger strike, had been necessary.

He said some prisons had been turned into training cen-

tres for leftwing and Kurdish tions, the government trans-ferred some of the 9,000 inmates charged under antiterrorism laws to remote jails to try to stop the practice, made possible by a ward sys-tem which groups dozens of

prisoners together. But Mr Kazan said the ringleaders then organised the hunger strike, involving 2,547 of the prisoners, using their own faxes and mobile phones. He added that the relax-ation of the regulations he or-dered earlier this month had reduced the number of hun-

ger strikers to just over 200. Amnesty International has written to the prime minister. Necmettin Erbakan, supporting the prisoners' complaints of beatings, obstruction of

A soldier surveys the carnage caused by a bomb on a commuter train in the Sri Lankan capital Colombo yesterday. Up to 70 people are feared dead and more than 400 injured in the blast, which government ministers are blaming on the separatist Tamil Tiger rebels. The bomb went off at a railway station in the suburbs

PHOTOGRAPH: DECTED CRUEZ

### **Scores** feared dead in blast

P TO 70 people were killed and more than 450 injured when a bomb exploded in a packed commuter train in the Sri Lankan capital Colombo yes-terday evening, the health minister, A. H. M. Fowzie,

"There are at least 67 dead.
Altogether more than 450
people have been injured.
Fifty to 60 are in bad shape
with head injuries and the
like," he said.

He said 267 people were being treated at Colombo's main general hospital and 200 at a government hospital near the blast site, a railway station in the suburb of Dehiwala.

The industrial development minister, C. V. Gooneratne, said separatist Tamil Tiger rebels were responsible for the attack.

The latest violence came as government troops recaptured the strategic army camp of Mullaitivu, in the north-east, from Tamil Tiger

guerrillas.
Officials in Trincomales, the naval base city in the east. said troops were searching the camp for possible booby-traps planted by guerrillas who left the camp after seven days of intense, bloody

The troops are now within the perimeters of the camp," an official said. "It is stinking with corpses."

Earlier the Tamil Tigers

said they had taken complete control of the camp, a claim the army denied.

Police said they had de-tained two men after the blast in Colombo, which happened at about 6pm local time, but their identities were

They said two crowded car-riages were wrecked, indicat-ing that there may have been two bombs.

Security officials said they had recovered the identity cards of army personnel from the wreckage. — Reuter.

• A Sri Lanka woman aged 31, living in the Swiss town of Rapperswill, was slightly injured by a bomb that exploded when she opened her letter box, police said vestenday.

#### nuclear test ban on hold

Joe McDonald in Jakarta

CHINA withheld its en-dorsement yesterday from proposals agreed by the United States and Russia to break the deadlock in the negotiations for a global ban on nuclear tests, but said that talks might produce an ac-ceptable pact by September. The accord reached by the

US and Russia on Tuesday increased pressure on China to ing with enforcement of the ban, and other issues. The Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty negotiations, which missed a June 28 deadline. are to resume in Geneva on

Monday. The Chinese foreign minister, Qian Qichen, told the US ecretary of state, Warren Christopher, at a meeting in Jakarta that Beijing was ready to work closely with Washington to resolve the remaining issues, a US offi-

Mr Qian said afterwards: "It is our hope that we can reach an agreement as soon treaty can be ready for signa-tures in September when the General Assembly meets." A key Chinese concern has

been on-site inspections of ted treaty violators. Washington and Moscow agreed that an inspection could be authorised by a bare majority of the 61 treaty countries. China wants a twothirds majority, making inspections more difficult to obtain.

It also wants to limit the technical means countries may use to implicate violators, fearing that its lack of spy satellites and other sophisticated detection equipment will put it at a

Another problem is India, which wants a promise to disarm from the declared nuclear powers, including

# China keeps Megawati grows into power player

making a star of Sukamo's daughter, reports Nick

**Cumming-Bruce** 

HE night guard at the gate of the Indonesian Democratic Party headquarters said: "Come inside lease, it's an emergency. Behind him sat a motley band in red party T-shirts, armed with staves and ready for a

fight.
They had heard that groups of soldiers were preparing to occupy the premises. "We told the military if they come we will burn the place." senior party member said

In the event, the night passed without incident. But tension is still running high. Less than a year before par-liamentary elections, the PDI's Jakarta headquarters is the focal point of a struggle by its populist leader Megawati Sukarnoputri to survive gov-ernment and military efforts

to undermine her. Megawati, the daughter of independent Indonesia's first president, Sukarno, won the PDI's chairmanship in 1993 for a five-year term, only to lose it in June when a party faction, acting at the behest of the army, ousted her and in-stalled a rival PDI leader, Suryardi, in her place.

A street rally by several thousand of her supporters in Jakarta soon after turned vio-lent when they were charged by cane-wielding troops, leavng scores injured and possibly one man dead.

But to the embarassment of the military, Megawati's sup-porters still hold the party headquarters. President Suharto's New

Harsh repression is | 13,000 islands and 190 million people while he concentrated on economic development.

Faced with a party leader who might have stood against him in the presidential elec-tion in 1998, and seemed to be appealing to the young — there will be 20 million first time voters in 1997 — Subarto did not hesitate to use them

reality.

These politics of very un-Dewi Fortuna Anwar.

erate a groundswell of support for a politician of hitherto meagre political muscla. The PDI occupies a mere 56 parliamentary seats out of the 400 that are elected — the rest are appointed by Suharto and not all PDI MPs are Megawati supporters.

Suharto's agents have cre-

At 49, Megawati lacks

war suggests. The romantic appeal of the name is strong and she attracts support from Order has used such tactics sprawling archipelago of

a broad spectrum of national-ists, intellectuals and bluecollar workers. Her simple style and paten Indonsians disgusted by cor-ruption and the fortunes amassed by the Suharto

family.

Whether she can harness this dissent to sustain a longserves Juwono Sudarsono.

until the courts rule other gally the party leader.

Court proceedings could drag on for a year or two. In the meantime, the authorities have ruled her ineligible to contest next year's elections. Without an election campaign to keep her in the public eye. there is a danger that enthusi

# Survivor tells of Omarska 'blood sports'

Ed Yulliamy in The Hague

up, and his mouth was full of I

The castrated victim was

then forced by the guards to

eat a live dove. Shortly after-

The defendant, Dusko Tadio

is accused of taking part in this and other executions that

Rarely at these hearings

have two central themes of

the war been so starkly and horribly revealed: the twisted

recreational aspect of the

carnage and its macabre

Mr Mulkanovic said that

the crowd of Serbian guards

who ordered and oversaw this

barbarity "looked as though

wards he died of his wound.

don't know what. And he was

covered with blood and oil."

again. But many Indonesians see the action as a blunder that demonstrates how the regime is losing touch with political

subtle manipulation are no longer tolerated by society," warms a political scientist, centration camp vester-The effect has been to gen-

brutality at the core of Bos-nia's war. He described seeing a prisoner — watched by whooping guards, as though "at a sports match" - forced to perform feliatio on another inmate before biting off his Halid Mulkanovic told the war crimes tribunal: "He got

ated what for the past 30 years he has successfully and ruthlessly prevented.
"They are making her into

a real opposition leader," An-war comments. "People are sympathetic because of the vay she has been treated. She has become a rallying point for all the people with a

track record of leadership and speaks with none of the flery ratory of her charismatic Yet her appearance at PDI headquarters, dressed in red down to the rose-tinted spec-

tacles, electrifies waiting supporters who surge forward beating the air with clenched fists, chanting: "Victory for Megawati owes her popu-larity less to her own talents than to being a Sukarno, An-

erm campaign is less clear. There are so many factions. another political scientist.
"The army's strategy is to Pietro, the former star prose-

wear down her support."

Megawati is seeking to keep the battle off the streets and in the courts. She is challenging the legality of the con-gress that ousted her and, wise, claims she remains le-

asm for her may flag.

They fired excited shots into the air as the testicles were bitten off and later, while killvor of the Omarska coning another man, played a

song on the radio entitled Let Me Live as a soundtrack. The victims who died in this frenzy of violence, of which the castration was only a part, had known each other, and Mr Tadic, since childhood.

Mr Tadic, who is charged with multiple war crimes. was identified by Mr Mujkanovic as among the group over-seeing the mutilation and murders. But he did not say that Mr Tadic personally ordered the castration.

Mr Mujkanovic was screened off in the witness box and his face blanked out | and Jasko Hrnic. (Mr Karaba-

Reuter in Washington

AR is likely to return to Bosnia if there is no

international force after

December, when Nato

peacekeepers plan to leave, the chief of United States

military intelligence said

"Without such continued

yesterday.

match, supporting a team". | on closed circuit television | sic was Mr Tadic's best | out of the corridor. He was all monitors.

'He said he had been one of the first prisoners to arrive at Omarska. After being interrogated, he was given a space on op of a locker in an empty corridor on the ground floor of a building. Soon his area was crowded, as were adjoining rooms and even stairs

leading to the upper floor. Mr Mujkanovic was repeatedly beaten by a guard who demanded money to keep him alive. He persuaded other pris-oners to give him a watch and silver chain for the guard. On June 18 1992 Mr Mujkanovic beard guards call out including Emir Karabasic

Peace force 'needed to halt new Bosnia war

(international) engage-

ment, it is, in my opinion, likely the former warring factions will turn once

again to violent conflict in

an attempt to achieve their aims," Lieutenant-General Patrick Hughes, director of the Defence Intelligence

The guards then demanded two "volunteers" from Mr

Mujkanovic's locker area. saying that if they were not forthcoming someone would be killed. Two came forward known as as "G" and "H" in the trial. Other inmates ran upstairs, anxious to avoid a part in what was to follow. Mr Mujkanovic, however, crouched behind an open

door across his part of the He covered his face with his hands, he said, but twice other side of the door. He heard someone shout "I am a

pig. I like pigs." He added: "I saw 'G' coming

original goals, and the con-ditions for civil order had

He told the Senate intelli-

gence committee that an

effective international

force in Bosnia was un-

troops were included. But

he added that it was possible European allies could

not yet been established.

can't quite say who it was — maybe Emir Karabasic or holding him down by the arms. Then 'G' had to bow down in his crotch and it was ordered to him that he must bite off his genitals. When I looked a second

time, there was screaming. 'G' got up, with his mouth full of I don't know what and cov-ered with blood and oil. There was a group of soldiers, and someone was shooting into the air. "A little time passed. One of

the soldiers brought the per son [who had been castrated] a dove ... It was still alive and it was given to this per-

Mr Mulkanovic said that the group then turned on his friend Jasko Hrnic. "A soldier beat him with a metal, iron bar. He fell, he showed no sign of life. Music was playing. Let Me Live was the title of the song ... I ran up-stairs to the toilet to throw up, even though I had not eaten anything."
In the indiciment, the man

castrated and murdered is named as Fikret Harambasic. Witness 'H' testified in closed session yesterday.

JOHN HOOPER in Rome reports on a Green revolt and Olympic hopes

Agency, told senators.

He said Bosnian factions had not renounced their form a force of their own.

# **Motorway triggers row**

Romano Prodi, was strug-gling last night to quell the first mutiny in his centre-left coalition at an emergency meeting with leaders of the Green party.

Earlier in the day the Greens suspended parliamen-tary co-operation with other members of the alliance in a cutor who holds the public

vorks portolio. The cabinet, which already depends on the support of hardline communists, will not be able to command an outright majority in the lower house if the Greens keep up

The row with Mr Di Pietro, non-party member of the cabinet, is about a planned motorway link through the countryside north of Flor ence. Its outcome could shape the course of Italy's new It will show whether Profes-

TALY'S prime minister, | sor Prodi is ready to pay more | ducts and tunnels — all that than lip service to environ-mental protection. But giving in to the Greens would jeopar-dise plans for fulfilling his main campaign pledge. He won the general election in April promising to make

job creation his top priority. Since then it has become clear that he intends to do this through an ambitious infrastructure programme.
One of his earliest, and least expected, decisions was to entrust the public works portfolio to Mr Di Pietro, the

hero of the anti-corruption drive which revolutionised Since taking office the former prosecutor has worked with frenetic energy to draw up proposals that are, for the most part, at odds with Green

thinking. "His idea of public works is 19th century," the Greens' leader, Carlo Ripa di Meana, said earlier this week, "His imagination is filled with viarecent thinking has put under suspicion,

The carping turned to pro-test when Mr Di Pietro decided to activate a long-stand-ing plan to double the number of lanes on the section of the Autostrada del Sole between Bologna and Florence. The project, which includes about 18 miles of tunnel, would cost an estimated 5,500 billion lire (£2.4 billion).

But the Greens argue that the scheme is unnecessary. Some traffic is already finding its way on to a new road through Umbria and much more is due to be carried by a new high-speed train link passing through Florence. The Greens hold the envi-ronment portfolio in the cabi-

net and 14 seats in each of the two houses. In the lower house, Prof Prodi depends on Communist Refoundation, which is not in the government, for a four-seat edge over the other parties.

#### Leader's opposition threatens to sink capital's bid for 2004 games

Rome's hopes of staging the 2004 Olympics. In a letter released this week, the ead of the Green party, which runs the city, revealed his opposition to the capital's bid. Carlo Ripa di Meana, a

former European Commissioner, told the organisers of the bid that the games would entail "very high and — in absolute terms unavoidable environmental risks".

He said one reason for his opposition was that "com-mercial and promotional aspects have been taking over the Olympiads of the modern era at an alarming

rate". Rome had been the front-runner in a field which includes Stockholm, Athens, Lille, Istanbul, Cape Town, Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires. But wholehearted

ECO-POLITICS are element the International threatening to sink Olympic Committee (IOC)

looks for in a candidacy. The organisers of Rome's bid had hoped for an endorsement from Mr Ripa di Meana which they could include in the formal submission to the IOC next month. Instead, they got a reply stating his opposition, while noting the "favourable opinion of very important Green representatives, such as the mayor of Rome, Franceso Rutelli".

The letter has encourged other opponents. Paolo Ferrero, sports spokesman for Communist Refoundation, the party on which Italy's centre-left coalition relies for its majority, said the 2004 Olympics should go to Cape Town, where they could become a celebration of human fellowship.

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# One up to the protesters

But the World Service is not out of the wood yet

THE FOREIGN OFFICE and the BBC have wisely bowed to public pressure; yesterday they set up a working group to examine the impact of John Birt's controversial plans to integrate the English language side of the World Service with mainstream BBC departments. This is a constructive move — particularly if independent bodies like the National Audit Office are involved - but it doesn't allay fears about the BBC's ultimate ambitions.

Two things need to be done. First, as Robin Cook said yesterday, the reorganisation should be frozen while the inquiry is taking place: second, the group needs a strong independent chairman. At the moment it consists of Christopher Battiscombe, a Foreign Office civil servant and Sam Younger, managing director of the World Service. Mr Younger brings a wealth of experience to the task but since John Birt is his boss and since he has accepted the Birt reforms in principle (after first contemplating resignation) he can hardly be expected to be as objective as an independent chairman. Mr Battiscombe for his part is there to carry out the Foreign Office's brief.

Part of this is to convey the FO's

displeasure at not being consulted in advance over the BBC's radical plans even though the FO — on behalf of the taxpayer — funds the World Service to the tune of £155 million a year. That's fine. The BBC deserves all it will get for its arrogance in ignoring its own paymaster. But that is only part of the story. The FO is also the villain of the piece in that, as its contribution to Treasury reductions in its own budget, it has cut the parliamentary grant to the World Service from £160 million in 1995/96 to only £147.5 million in 1997/98. This was done without analysis about the usefulness of the Service compared with other FO activities which could have been cut instead.

Although the FO is under the impression as a result of yesterday's meeting that no irreversible reforms will be made while the working group is delib-erating, the BBC's interpretation is rather different. It seems to think it can push on with its ill-considered reforms while the monitoring process is taking place. The danger is that a succession of seemingly small changes will irreversibly alter the character of the World Service even while the group is in the throes of talking.

Next week's report of the foreign affairs select committee is expected to urge ministers not to accept BBC assurances that their reforms will benefit the World Service in view of their poor track record on consultation so far. The committee is also likely to suggest that Mr Birt reports regularly to the select committee. That's alright as long as he changes his errant ways and doesn't proceed unrepentantly with the changes in order to justify them afterwards to the committee.

The BBC's governors are due to meet today. Normally such meetings are low-key events with the governors rubber-stamping what the BBC executives have decided. This time it ought to be different. The BBC is proposing something which could irreversibly change the culture of the World Service which is almost universally acknowledged as the world leader in its field. We don't have many such activities and we should be careful not to ruin a winning formula. The governors may be inclined to back the BBC's judgment simply because they are unsure about the consequences. That would be a mistake. They should note the unprecedented opposition - including yesterday's letter from 144 distinguished people — and give the World Service the benefit of any doubts. At the very least they should freeze the reforms until the implications have been fully discussed.



reply? Early yesterday Paul Palmer, the hero of the hour as Britain's first 1996 Olympics medal winner, was brutally frank about sports facilities in Britain: "We need backing from the Government if we are to win more medals and especially gold ones. But they only think about swimming and gymnastics every four years when the Olympics come round." Just hours later, the Prime Minister spoke before a gathering of sports people in the Downing Street garden to celebrate the first anniversary of his green paper on sport. The press packs were jammed with statistics recording progress on last year's 38 "action points": more coaching, more PE, more facilities, more out-of-school activities, new schools specialising in sports, a doubling of university sports scholarships, plus a spanking new £100

million national academy of sport. Eat your words, Palmer? Clearly the Prime Minister, who praised our new silver medal winner, thought so. In a brazen piece of self and party promotion he declared: "Last year's sport policy statement contained the most important set of proposals ever published to develop, encourage, and promote sport in our country." Up to a point, Lord Copper. John Major is a genuine sports fan. He's right to be dismayed by the current level of sports activities. He deserves support for his campaign to dards. Sport does promote, as this ladder of sporting opportunity" without

HAS any athlete ever had a faster | lanta dramatically demonstrates, concentration, commitment, self-discipline, team spirit and fun. Unlike previous Major initiatives - cone lines, motorway lavatories — progress has been achieved since his highly publicised personal pledge. But it is not carping to suggest the Prime Minister's claim, like some energetic Olympic gymnasts, has "over-rotated".

Progress has been achieved but the reason why sport was in such a dire state was a direct responsibility of the Government. It was not just the Opposition which pointed this out yesterday but a former Conservative education minister, Sir Rhodes Boyson, who with refreshing honesty noted the disastrous withdrawal of teachers from voluntary activities in 1985 following a new tighter teachers' contract. He could have noted a 70 per cent drop (in just three years in the 1980s) of school sports fixtures. And he might have added the sale of 5,000 school playing fields since 1979 by cash-strapped education authorities. Sceptics will note that the new sport initiatives are almost entirely being funded by the Lottery. The National Lottery Sports Fund received £400 million in its first year. Far from being embarrassed by breaking the ministerial promise not to use the Lottery for essential public services, the Prime Minister claimed it as a virtue yesterday. Paul Palmer was widen opportunities and raise stan- right: Mr Major will not create "a week's television coverage from At- Treasury, as well as Lottery, funds.

### A discord in the Borough

Time to back Britten by public subscription

WHAT WISE old St Matthew said about | homosexuality, his leftish friends, or prophets being without honour in their his flight to the USA at the start of the own country appears to have been thumpingly vindicated in Aldeburgh great composer, with his outbursts of this week, where the town council has voted not to erect a statue of Benjamin Britten in the churchyard in which he is buried. He's already got a plaque and a stained glass window and that, the councillors apparently think, is

The motives for this decision take some disentangling. "It is not as if Benjamin Britten was born and bred inAldeburgh" says the town clerk that was surely the fault of his parents. for which his long residence in the town, his part in creating its festival, and the fact that this modest town on the Suffolk seaboard is now famous all

war. Or perhaps they simply feel the petulance, his fickle affections, his cold treatment of collaborators, was not a very nice chap. Maybe so. But if only very nice people were thought deserving of statues, there would be empty plinths all over London today.

But what seems to have counted most was the need for prudent housekeeping. They've just spent £12,000 on a new play area which in the town clerk's opinion is of far greater practical benefit than coldly. "He was born in Lowestoft." But | any statue or bust. The answer here is that Britten's statue ought to be funded, as so many statues of Victorian civic dignitaries were, by public subscription. Let them put out the collecting boxes at every exit at Snape. Local over the world, might seem to be suit opposition can be expected to crumble able reparation. Then, some in Conser- if the cost of the operation can be vative Suffolk may troubled by his passed to somebody else.



Letters to the Editor

# **Enemy within Spain**

Irish as lacking a sectarian element. As he points out, BTA's attacks on some Basque (rather than non-Basque) targets is a recent development — a response to Herri Batasuna's abject failure to expand or even maintain their support within the Basque country— and negatively confirms that in general ETA's enemy has been defined as "Spanish". Hooper doesn't mention the

Sport for all

most striking difference, howmost striking difference, nowever. There is no coherent argument whatsoever confirming that the Basque country is
systematically denied democratic rights by the postFranco Spanish state.
Not only does Euzkadi have
a high degree of autonomy,
but along with Catalunya it is
the richest region in Spain—

the richest region in Spain — not exactly a traditional indicator of oppression. Unlike ises the Basque people than

OFIN Hooper (Copy cat the Basque country, Northern terrorists, July 23) is not altogether accurate in distinguishing the Basque train creation, and northern nationalists are still systemtarian creation, and northern nationalists are still system-atically discriminated against as even official social statis-tics confirm.

tics confirm.

It is all the more sad and ironic that while ETA's reactionary struggle escalates militarily, the Irish peace process has been corralled. Irish republicanism is a pan-nationalist—and therefore sectarian—dead-end. The similarity between Basque nationalism and Irish republicanism is a regrettable recent phenomenon. Jack Fox.

Mojecar, Almeria,

AM saddened to see in your front page article (ETA es calates resort bombings, July 22), that you refer to the eral and not as ETA in particular. ETA no more symbol08003 Barcelona, Catalunya,

THE reaction to the bomb explosions in Spain is in-teresting. Quite properly the mood of the Spanish authori-ties and British holidaymakers was that the bombing would not affect tourism unduly as most people are unwilling to bow to the threat of terrorism. Contrast that to the reaction of tourist chiefs and government in Northern Ireland. The tourists were leaving in droves they said, every statement was more negative than the last. One would be forgiven for believing that the the common or the last. lieving that the scaremongers were working for the Spanish tourist board. William Montgomery

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#### Shock horror! Julie's back

only tells us that she contin-ues to have vast, hataful hang-ups. Her only consis-tent position is that she is anti-woolly, middle class lib-erals — a puerile aunt sally if ever there was one. The end result is that she hits out at everything in sight, contra-dicting herself time and time again. She says that "at least again. She says that "at least John Prescott's married to a good, Methodist woman". good, Methodist woman.

Methodist is good because
Cherie Blair is Catholic.
However in the next column
Blair is bad because his message is "go back to hearth and home and Methodist and home and Methodist Sunday school".

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Sunday school".

She says "I slways had an eye for a pretty girl". Shock horror, how amazing, really cool. Until the next column when suddenly, "I don't find women attractive at all,

Why have you resurrected Julie Burchill?
What she has to say tells us
nothing about the state of
Britain or the world (Return
of the Mouth, G2, July 23). It
only tells us that she continues to have wast hataful how can we take someone seriously who claims to be a Thatcherite and a Soviet style communist? Her poor father must wince. Arthur Gould

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CAN only conclude that whoever called Julie Bur-chill "the most brilliant

JULIE Burchill must be one of the few people left alive who is capable of worsening the reputation communism. She's for working class au-thoritarian values but would Norwich NR2 2HD.



#### Dancing all the way to the gold

S it not ironic that the Olym- finer points of a gymnastic pic Games, which opened display, and he probably canwith "doves of peace" made of paper, should award the first medals to shooting events? R W Catton.

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And North Moneur (Last tango in Atlanta, July 22) asks who cares whether ballroom dancing is in the Olym-pics or not. Frankly, a lot more people than give a damn

about dressage, pole vault or synchronised swimming. Is there any question that years of training, talent, skil-ful coaching, peak physical-fitness and a determination bor-dering on obsession, describe any top competitor, including dance? Your writer may be correct to ask whether the majority would know the difference between a tango and a bosse nova but does it matter? Sometimes no one can see who won a race without a slow-motion replay. Joe Pub-lic does not understand the

not differentiate between an ice skater's triple lutz and tri-ple salchow. This does not prevent viewers watching in their millions, and feeling proud when a medal is won. Could it be that Britain is

good at ballroom dancing and has a realistic chance of gold? VER Anderson. 253 Norwood Road. London SE24 9AG.

HE decision by Muham mad Ali, once "the great-est" athlete in the world and now affected by a form of parkinsonism, to light the Olym-pic flame should be applauded. 120,000 people in the UK have Parkinson's disease, a progressive movement dis order. The fact that Ali stood before a worldwide television raised awareness of the condition.

Barry Brooking. Chief Executive, Parkinson's

# Treasury kids

THE Treasury study into the privatisation of the Welfare State was dismissed by Ken-neth Clarke as the work of "kids in the office". Yet within a few days Peter Lilley announces the privatisation of child benefit. Are these "kids" the offspring of Mystic Meg or the playmates of the "Chicago Boys" — those advocates of policies which have destroyed welfare states across the globe?

The "kids in the office" are the same grades as those who. after almost 20 years of in-volvement in flexible working hours schemes, are now being told by the DFEE management that they will be excluded from them. Presumably because of the importance of their work. Hardly "kids stuff", - though backward looking in the de-partment responsible for equal opportunity policies including the reconciliation of professional and family life.

Peter Lamb.
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O Kenneth Clarke has got "kids" working in the Treasury. I have written to him recommending my friends' nephew be shortlisted He is nearly two, cannot write but can do dictation, and can just about say "privatise the welfare state". He sounds like perfect Treasury material.

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### Importance of | Pain barrier to understanding

LAnn Furedi (Women, G2, July 22) ignore important evidence. The first is the nearly any sentient human being, having your head squeezed to the point of deformity would be highly unpleasant, even without the additional discomfort of the things that observed. universal experience of being born by vaginal delivery. For fort of the things that obstetri-cians often have to do to assist the birth process. Yet nobody remembers being born.

Secondly the many millions of male infants who are circumcised shortly after birth without anaesthesia, don't remember it either. I speak from personal experience).

Under anaesthesia many patients visibly respond to in-cision but provided they don't remember being operated on, they are usually satisfied even if the anaesthetic was technically incompetent Pain that cannot be remem

bered doesn't worry people Even if the anti-abortionists don't accept my argument, the most they could logically request is that all abortions should be carried out under general anaesthesia rather than local Colin Brewer.

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F Elizabeth Peacock were to hit her hand with a hammer

she was feeling pain. The tus. Not because it is not biocognitive, evaluative and emo-tional processes associated with pain. Ann Furedi was right to quote Fitzgerald that "itrue pain experience develops] postnatally, along with memory, anxiety and either brain functions", a conception that is in keeping with the IASP (International Association for the Study of Pain) definition of pain as a subjective phenomenon developed through experiences related to injury in early life." This view reflects the understand-ing of the wast majority of pain researchers - of which I am one. Professor Hull may prefer to assume that foetuses eel pain but he then speaks as a religious person not as a scientist. He should not pretend that such a view comes from our lack of understanding about pain.

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### Benefits of cornflakes and calculators

ARK Lawson's sugges-tion that financial support was given to Kellogg Col-lege to buy the name is wrong (Buy a college now while stocks last, July 22). Support for the college was

given by the WK Kellogg Foundation (not the "cereal empire") an organisation which supports humanitarian projects around the world. The Foundation's support for adult education in Oxford has extended over 30 years, long before there was any sugges-tion of the establishment of a new college. The Foundation's support has never been given with the expectation, let alone the condition, of the attachment of the Kellogg name. (Dr) G P Thomas. Kelioer Col

DESPITE some careful phrasing. Mark Lawson

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in construction and investment. The fact that I may have played a role in helping the British government to secure the government Al-Yamamah contract for Britain rather than another country does not make me an arms dealer. I received no commissions or payments for my role.

Nor do I have any need to "buy respectability". I could live in lavish obscurity. Isn't it strange that by choosing to do something for Britain, a country for which I have strong affections, I should become the subject of media vilification? Wafic Rida Said.

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CECIL Green is a modest man, but I think he would be mildly surprised at Mark Lawson's assumption that he seems determined to paint me | needs to "buy respectability". as a sleasy. Arab arms dealer. A talented scientist, he was a

founder of Texas Instruments, which besides making pocket calculators (as Mark Lawson rather patronisingly puts it) helped to revolutionise oil exploration and, by pioneering avionics, made an important contribution to winning the second world war.

Dr Green has always believed in the value of scientific education. He has given generously to Stanford, MIT, the University of British Columbia, the University of Texas and the National Institute of Science in Washington, as well as to Oxford. Nobody in of the plant world has taken those places suspects his mo-tives. It seems ungrateful and snobbish to suggest that Cecil Green is motivated by an improper craving for the respect he already possesses in such abundance. Godfrey Hodgson.

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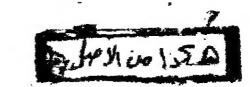
#### A Country Diary

the land earned an unexpected reprieve. The fields' first year of freedom was the year of the poppies. They ap-peared in thousands amongst the last traces of the barley, especially where soil had been disturbed. Amongst them were the tenacious agricultural weeds - wild oats. field pansy, mayweeds. hawkweeds, ragwort whose seeds had lain dormant in the soil, undefeated by the sprayer. But this year they are playing a supporting

role. The parachute regiment over: 1996 is the year of the thistles. On the dry hill top, flat rosettes of spear thistle that dug in last autumn have sent up dense ranks of armoured stems topped with woolly purple flowers, contrasting with ragwort's massed mop-heads of gold stars. In a dip in the ground where the soil is permanently moist, a strongpoint of

DURHAM. Two years ago the | creeping thistle has estabfinal crop of barley was taken lished itself in a waving sea from these fields. They were of grasses and is extending earmarked for building until its perimeter. Amongst so many individual plants of many individual plants of each species there are in-triguing variations. Some of the spear thisties are fasciated, with several stems welded together through some accident of development, and crowned with a cockscomb of coalesced blooms. One ragwort plant is much paler than the rest, with crisped leaves and cream flowers. A crop of pollen and nectar from these weeds has replaced years of cereal monoculture and has led to a population explosion of butterflies and bumblebees. Small tortoiseshells and meadow browns have a tenmeagow prowns have a ten-acre feeding station, while the thistle leaves are a perfect egg-laying site for the migrant painted ladies that arrived so early this year. And as the first thistles run to seed, the goldfinches, yellowhammers and linnets are arriving to share in the

PHIL GATES.



# Diary

#### Dan Atkinson

EARTY eaters of a traditional stamp, enraged by the nannyish ban on sheep's brains nyish ban on sheep's brains, ought to book in for a week or two at University Hospital of Wales, where they can tuck in to the sort of non-PC scoff last available sometime during the reign of Henry VIII, including "meat and edible offal of cattle, pigs, goats, horses and asses". Mm-mm. These and other delicacies are specified in the hospital's and other delicacies are specified in the hospital's invitation in the European Union's public-contracts journal for firms to tender as fresh-meat suppliers. Goat meat features also on the menu, as do "meat and edible offal of poultry, fresh or chilled". Stunned after discovering the contract spec, Cardiff West MP Rho-dri Morgan declared: "I didn't realise the BSE crisis was all that serious."

EANWHILE. parents of school-age children in Bris-tol. South Gloucestershire and Somerset were intrigued when the publishers of Our School Magazine — a periodical distributed through primary schools and full of jolly ideas about what to do in the hols and so forth — made urgent con-tact and requested immediate destruction of the issue circulated a fortnight ago. Close study of Page 28 would have explained the panic. "Guzzle's birthday surprise; a story for our younger readers" takes up most of the space and tells a charming tale of a guineapig. The first of two endpieces, a nine-line love poem, seems a little out of place, but so be it. The final item is, ah, problematic: "Mike, I feel utterly miserable. I think you don't come over any more and only ing and you want a shag." Ye-es. Mike's behaviour the previous Saturday "makes me feel like a pornographic magazine, only not so sexy". The conclusion of this 16-line rant: "If that's all I am to you these days, I think you should leave me alone, because it's just not fair. You don't know how

horrible it feels, especially when it's you." We assume the printing system had a brainstorm and published

message; at any rate, a

"revised" edition is now in

circulation with a dreary

advert for the Bristol Evening Post in place of the cry for help. PS: Mike ought to stick with this girl; she may talk dirty, but at least all the commas and apostro-

OMEN in Parliement may not have the easiest of times. but there are one or two gal-lant old conventions that help them through the day. One is that no male MP would dream of exercising his technical right to jump the Commons cab queue in the small hours if the only him were a single woman No MP, that is, other than Labour's Jack Cunningham, at time of going to press the head of its bloated team of National Heritage spokes entities. By the strain of campaigning for the shadow cabinet had clearly begun to take its toll on the MP for Copeland. He emerged from the members' emirged from the memors entrance at 12.30am, accompanied by Mrs C, and — spotting a lady-toiler in the press lobby stepping out to take a tax! — blocked her way and declared, in a tone of voice that betrayed the gruelling nature of the shadow-cabinet trail, You're not an MP. I'm an MP." Mrs Cunningham looked away at this point, no doubt to admire the majesty of Parliament against the night sky. As the good doctor's commandeered cab rumbled off, the duty bobby rumbled out, the duty bobby agreed that rules were rules, but expressed a cer-tain surprise. New Labour: No Manners.

inally, a report from elsewhere in the taxi trade. Steve "I'm free" Norris yesterday cele-brated his voluntary return orated ins voluntary return to the backbenches by lunching with Saatchi-ite ex-Treasury minister John Maples (he of leaked-memo fame) at the Caprice in St James's. When he emerged it was raining. The ministerial car? Gone, of course. SN then tried hailing his first cab for years; it ignored him. Well, he was minister



# Battle of snakes and ladders

#### Commentary

#### Hugo Young

HIS is a happy day for John Major. No more questions, no more squirming answers, no parliamentary party in con-clave assembled, no treacher-ous bastards ceaselessly ma-nipulating it. Politics does not go to sleep, but its capacity to wreck the leader disappears for three months. This is the moment Major has been wait. ing for. The contrast with Tony Blair is, as he might say, very considerable. At the end of term, it's as obvious as it is perverse which man is more at ease with his

A month ago, in one of the realms of possibility, Mr Major was yet again finished. He counted the days until Parliament rose. I heard min-isters checking off the crises they had to survive before reaching the green uplands from which the Commons are for ever absent. Once there, grazing undisturbed, they would be safe from demolition. Some even spoke of thinks, in part of him, that the brilliant skating over the regaining control of the high victory is still possible. Obsurface of politics, the facile

course of politics up to the

This was always fanciful.

but at a time when mad cows had taken over Tory politics, it was an irresistible dream of it was an irresistable dream of paradise. When small mercies are the only ones available, survival is satisfaction enough for Mr Major's hardened ego. Those who meet him regularly speak of his resilience, which is plain for all to see, but also of his equanimity, for which there is no explanation in most ruleexplanation in most rule-books of political psychology. The people who were, until recently, most enraged by this are those who have done most to break it, the Europhobes terrified of losing their seets and thus shedding every particle of influence they ever had on this earth.
Who will give the smallest
damn what Tony Marlow
thinks is the time of day,
when the electors of Northampton have had the sense to throw him out? Major's serenity looked like the recipe for doing nothing, either about Europe or about tax. But time has dampened the public ar-dour even of William Cash.

The leader is the only leader they have, and now pretty much on his own terms. What is the source of his the trade-marks of appren-composure? No doubt he ticeship. Gone also, therefore,

ground from which, with a Budget and Queen's Speech to come, they could dictate the scrutinised for their national significance. Labour's prob em making sense of its constitutional reforms nourishes one of his more passionate zones of self-belief. But mostly, if the Tories lose, Major can take it. Of all participants, curiously, he will be the least damaged. He will have done the ton job for have done the top job for more than six years. By his own lights, ambition sated,

> verdict may be widely con-tested, but that won't affect his own judgment of what has happened, in particular, to the economy. When he specu-lates about this privately, it is with sorrow more than anger.
> In public, the party will find a
> thousand ways to say Don't
> Let Labour Ruin It. In private, Major talks more often about the need to stop some one else having the damned good fortune to take over all that he's achieved. That someone else, how-

he'll have done it well. This

rnat someone else, however, is less content. He
thinks he is probably going to
win, though he never says so
other than by ritual incantation: "When I am Prime Minister..." At the end of this
session, two years after he became leader, a new Blair is
detectable. Gone is the smiling and the instant charm ing and the instant charm, the trade-marks of appren-

encompassing of everything within the project of New Labour. Up close, instead, what's more apparent is the testiness of leadership denied. This is the natural evolution of a serious man Real tion of a serious man. Real leading is neither a painless nor a joyful business. The passing of the great smile shows us that Blair knows what future life is going to be about. This is encouraging. It reminds us how vastly greater are the stakes for Blair than they are for Major, and how angst-ridden the coming months will be. Also, the wars are coming out, fur-ther proof of the onset of real-ity. Chief among them, as per-ceived through the polls, are a certain arrogance and a cer-tain piety, neither of which the British like.

Blair has become almost terminally impatient. Two years is a long time for anyone to lead a project whose purpose, still unfulfilled, is the quest for power. He is

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head of a body, the Parlia-mentary Labour Party, which is indispensable to his existence and yet, of all Labour's institutions, the least amenable to his project. Mr Blair does not much like the PLP but, however many appeals are made to the party mem-bership at large, the PLP con-tinues to have power to thwart the leader and confuse the image of Labour he is try-ing daily to put across. It is his belief that if the public

only in power will Labour be able to show its true self to the nation, banishing the alarms and proving that the end of Thatcherism is not the end of the world. The period before power is being treated as a period of near-paralysis, when awfully little can be promised. And even though this strategy has been laid down by the leader, it foreshadows for him a period of maximum discomfort, especially if the polls begin to slide.

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Before they come back from the uplands, the heat will be turned on Major again. Annum is set to be another Euro-season. The Commission report on the single currency, and an interim summit in Dublin, will ask neuralgic questions that the new, saintly Mr Cash can't resist answering, to his leader's inconvenience. The voters, plainly thirsting for change, will be kept waiting until the last moment for the redemp-

last moment for the redemp-tive therapy which, even in a cynical age, elections bring. Pending that, there's little doubt which of the two main leaders will have the harder time. John Major has no-where to go except up, but is preparing himself for going down. Tony Blair can only go down, and knows that if he goes right down, he faces ruin goes right down, he faces ruin and desolation. Beneath the polls and common predictions, which I still agree with, lurks the human factor, that can turn everything on its

# understand Labour to be what he says it is, Labour cannot lose. It's also his belief that a mere handful of MPs can mess up this public understanding, with disastrous effect. So Mr Blair is not happy. He faces nine more months of this. For idle hands and righteous minds, they offer many opportunities to make trouble. He is committed, quite profoundly, to the belief that only in power will Labour be



Mark Lawson

ECENTLY, during a discussion on one of those personalities who are not completely the person they used to be — Pamela Anderson, perhaps, or Michael Jackson — I was asked about my views on cosmetic surgery. I came out strongly against it, which was perhaps dishonest, as I was already planning a sig-nificant alteration to my own face. Two weeks ago, after 16 years as a stranger to the razor, I removed my beard.

Beards - at least since Gillette became a household name — have always been a prickly subject. A man who has one is widely assumed to be a tramp or a liberal (male readers of this newspaper are, in the right-wing parody of them, generally said to be non-shavers) or to have something to hide: whether because he is a criminal seeking to outwit the Photofit or because he dislikes some aspect of himself. Margaret Thatcher was known to refuse preferment to those with face-fur. Earlier this year, the whiskery bristled again when a firm of image consultants released polling showing that voters distrusted candidates whose

chins they couldn't see. Not least because of that growing a heard is some-thing that most students try once. (There exist pictures of both Bill Clinton and John Selwyn Gummer, for example, with tufted chins.) Only in the Greek Orthodox by his attitude to shaving. even though he holdly st-tempts the goatee, which is surely the tricklest of options, being literally neither one thing nor the other.

My own chin history is that I originally stopped shaving because I tended to be taken as much younger than I was, which could be a social and professional dis-advantage. This year, now tending to be taken as much older than I am, and spotting | might be worth bearing this the first white bristles, van- moral in mind.

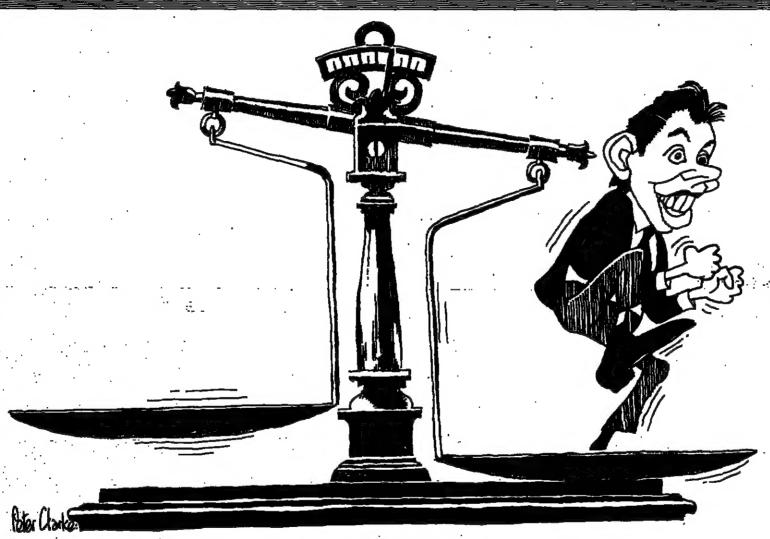
ity prompted a chin rethink. The 30s is just about young enough for a beard to have been a phase rather than — as for David Bellamy, say, or Archbishop Makarios — a tradsmark. There was also the matter of a lighting director at the BRC who had rector at the BBC who had been complaining for some time that beards made his job problematic, tending to wrap an unwanted cravat of

er's neck. One Saturday morning in Boots, I bought an electric razor. My beard had always been a tightly-cropped one— the beard-trimmer I used for grooming if permitted set-tings from one to six (roughly, George Michael to David Bellamy) and I had used number two — so it seemed reasonable to remove it without recourse

to foam and blade. The operation took 10 minutes. It did not feel like the psychological amputation I had feared, and revealed no unexpected surprises beyond a tiny scar from adult-onset chicken pox above my lip.
Looking in the mirror was like looking at an old photocraph, now slightly blurred. The main strangeness was a two-tone face, weathered at the top, white where the sun-shield had protected it. When I shook out the razorhead, there was a handful of dust with the colour of pepper and the consistency of instant coffee. I briefly toyed with keeping it in a box — as some people do their ex-tracted kidney or gall stones but then swirled it down the wash-basin.

things about my new identity as a cleangiveaway antonym "clean shaven man. The first was a shaven", it is clear that to be bearded has strong cultural exposed chin felt terribly bearded has strong current associations with slovenliness, laziness and youthful newspapers, the breeze against my newly-naked against my newly-naked jowls from the turning pages was nearly intolerable. It was two days before this odd thermometer at the bottom of my face switched off.

The second oddity was how little my transformation was Church do beards seem to noticed. I'll never trust again speak of authority. Althose thriller plots in which speak of authority. Altithough, encouragingly, Riching and Branson — winner of nawspaper. polls to discover schoolchildren's role models and the people's candidates for the first president of a bathroom door for an unveilibritish republic — does not ing. But neither of my children's those thriller plots in which men escape identification by the addition or subtraction of a beard. My wife noticed, but she had been forewarmed and was waiting outside the British republic — does not ing. But neither of my children's controller. seem to have been held back dren spotted any alteration and a television producer, with whom I worked on a series last year, saw no meta morphosis when I reported to shoot series two last week, despite the fact that he had just watched the tapes of the shows from the bearded era. This was not particularly upsetting, as my face-job cost no more than the price of an electric razor, but, if you are thinking of heading to a doc-tor in Beverley Hills, it



# Balance of power

Who will get priority under New Labour — an unemployed man whose wife is sick, or a new millionaire? Roy Hattersley asks what the party believes in

found a reason to admire David Willetts. For months I have thought of him as Macaulay thought of Chatterton — "a young man whose genius is more dis-cussed than observed". Then, on the radio last Sunday, he was asked to justify a nurse earning so little when a pop-star earned so much. His response was a passable precis of Hayek's famous dictum on wages in the free market. "The manner in which benefits and burdens are apportioned... would in many instances be regarded as very instances be regarded as very unjust if it were the deliberate result of allocation . . But to demand justice from such a process is absurd." That notion is obviously both intellectually and morally flawed; it implies that injustices cannot be corrected. But never-theless I rejoiced to hear it theless I rejoiced to hear it articulated. Mr Willetts believes in the sovereignty of the market. So he applied that first principle to wages as he applies it to everything else. Here was a politician with a consistent, if palpahly inadequate, ideological view.

Gordon Brown, on the same programme, occupied the diametrically opposite position. metrically opposite position. Everything that he proposed

T last. I have the great traditions of Labour pragmatism, there was no philosophic theme that bound his propositions together, no great principle that could turn a campaign into a crusade. I suspect that he was notice to make plain that he sade. I suspect that he was anxious to make plain that he rejects ideology in favour of taking decisions on their indi-vidual merits. But a party with no guiding light is likely to lose its way. Labour will be a better government if it has an ideological tranto eter by an ideological star to steer by.
The basic principle, waiting
to be applied to the modern
world is "equality of outcome". If Gordon Brown goes on denouncing the idea, as he tent for him to find out what that term means. Equality of outcome is not an attempt to imprison society within a drab and authoritarian uniformity. In the words of RH Tawney, the true begetter of the idea, it is "to hold that while natural endowments differ profoundly, it is the mark of the civilised society to aim at eliminating such inequalities as have their source, not in individual differences, but in society's

organisation".

That philosophy might have been developed in anticipation of New Labour and its desire to unite the free Everything that he proposed a clear to unite the free amenines. Increased equality society. There is no reason enough courage to make if. It is important to believe in a moderate level of incentives and the avoidance of unnecessary regulation — sounded right and reasonable. But, in source of social energy, are listed vacancy-notification system.

more likely to ripen and find expression, if social inequal-ities are, as far as practicable,

diminished".

The hope is to diminish rather than completely to eliminate social inequalities, and even then the aspiration is qualified by the phrase "as far as practicable". Equality of outcome is hardly an extense describe. treme doctrine. Accepting it would, however, provide Labour with the prospect of ideological consistency and intellectual coherence. The party would be elevated on to the high ground of politics where decisions are not al-ways based on opinion surways based on opinion surveys, and would avoid the embarrassing confusion which party spokesmen now exhibit when they speak of equality of opportunity. For unless Willetts is right, and it amounts to no more than a free-free for all in which the truth free-for-all in which the tough and the talented rise to the top, equality of opportunity has to be built on the foundation of equality of outcome Tawney wrote, and every sub-sequent social survey has confirmed, that "it is only the presence of a large degree of practical equality which can diffuse the general opportuni-ties to rise".

visible example of that truth walked into my constituency surgery two weeks ago. It took the form of an unemployed man of 45 with a sick wife and ily existed on 2525 a month and lived in a house which possessed none of the basic amenities. Increased equality

tem. His family needs money to alleviate its suffering. And the children need better clothes, better food, better medical care and the bonus of pre-school education to make equality of opportunity for them anything except a sick joke. In a decent society there

is "an equal start as well as an open road". That is Tawney again and will, therefore, be dismissed on the wilder shores of New Labour as old-fashioned. But the battle about what the party should stand for ought to be fought over logic and morality, not the date on which theories were first published. After all, the Willetts of this world place absolute faith in a theory which they imagine Adam Smith set out in 1776 — though, in truth, he was not the advocate of the unfettered market which they suppose him to be. Belief in that theory saw Thatcherite Tories through years of diffi-culty which might have turned into despair had they not retained faith in the idea not retained faith in the idea which guided the government. Labour, facing the difficulties of office, would do well to find an equal certainty. Equality of outcome is waiting to fill the void.

Labour should judge every policy proposal against a simple criterion. Would the outcome increase or reduce

outcome increase or reduce equality? Sometimes the gov-ernment would be forced to choose the option which di-vided rather than united society. But, by constantly asking the question, it would maintain its commitment to the basic object of a more equal society. There is no reason

economy which constantly created new millionaires. share the view that the two things go together. But the government which he leads ought to ask what policies when applied to the recently wealthy - would produce the outcome of greater equality. The obvious answer is an increase in their tax rates to finance the programmes which help to make the equality of opportunity a reality. One of the advantages of taking political philosophy seriously — and choosing a basic principle to live by — is the protection which it pro-vides against treating fashionable nonsense as if it was revealed truth. So - in the case of the recent millionaire examining ideas rather than opinion polls would liberate Labour from believing all the self-serving nonsense about the damage done to enterprise by a penny on the basic rate. The study of equality theory would remind the party leadership that "it is the duty of democratic gov-ernments to adjudicate when liberties collide". Unless they

have become disciples of Hayek, they will believe that liberty is more than the ab-sence of restraint. So they will wish to balance the liberty of the new millionaires to keep and spend an extra £1,000 with the liberty of the 45-year-old man in my constituency to feed and clothe his children. There is no doubt which choice should be made by a left-of-centre government. A clear and consistent ideological commitment will help ministers summon up enough courage to make it. It

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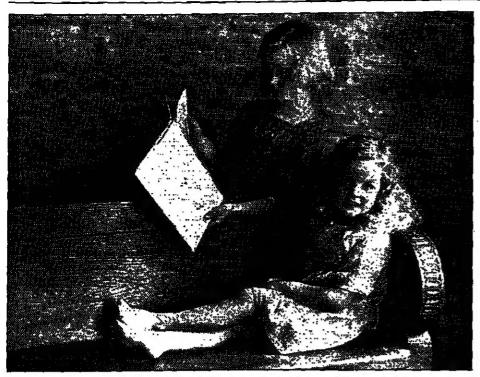
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Before the divide . . . Jessica (front) with sister Unity at Asthall Manor in 1923

Jessica Mitford

# Of danger ne'er afraid

Mittord, who has died aged 78. was the second youngest in the case of the two who be-came fascist supporters, infamous - Mitford sisters. They shared, in the 1920s, the bestknown and most exhaustively described nursery in 20th-century England, outside Buck-ingham Palace. It was Nancy, the eldest of the six daughters of the second Baron Redesdale, who laid the foundations of what became a Mitford industry, her novel The Pursuit Of Love, (1945), sold a million copies with its lightly dis-guised family portraits. Jes-sica gave the industry a furpush in 1960 with Hons and Rebels. She was always a competitor, and eventually decided that if Nancy could pro-duce best-sellers, so could she; the result, a purportedly factual account of her upbringing and youthful adventures, enchanted middle-class England with its picture of upperclass eccentricities, private jokes, language and nicksica in Nancy's wake as another Mitford writer to watch. Members of her family were less amused, finding the book urfair and in places distorted. Her confidence established,

Jessica next took on a more demanding target the powerful and devious American funeral business. The American Way of Death (1988), funny, brave and devastating, consolidated her reputation, showing that she was a writer with nerve and social purupper-class entertainer. Both these books are on their way to becoming minor 20th-cen-

tury classics. Known to family and friends as Decca, or Dec. Jes-sica Mitford was brought up in the Cotswolds, first at a capacious Jacobean country house, Asthall Manor, and then at a new home built by her father, Swinbrook House, nearby. The sisters were Nancy: Unity, who was Hit-ler's friend; Diana, who mar-ried the fascist, Sir Oswald Mosley; Pam, who married the extremely rich and equally accentric spectro-scopist Professor Derek Jack-son; and Deborah, the Duchess of Devonshire. A brother, Tom, was killed in the second

Decca remained friends with Nancy, Pam, and Debo; but not with Lady Mosley. demnation of conditions in the When she invited Decca's son American prison system (parto stay in Paris, Decca replied ticularly death row) and her

WRITER Jessica | that she thought it a bad idea; | him in the flesh. She laid a trord, who has he was half-Jewish and she | false trail for her family, who d aged 78, was | did not want him turned into | were distraught at her disapa lampshade.

Her independence of mind and conduct became apparent in the nursery, when at the age of 12 she opened a Run-ning Away Account at a grand London bank. As a teenager, she subscribed to the Daily Worker and pinned up the Hammer and Sickle in her room while Unity was pin-ning up portraits of Hitler. She announced that she was a pacifist

In 1937 came a much publicised episode when she eloped to Spain with Esmond Romilly, a nephew of Winston Chur-chill. Romilly had run away from Wellington aged 15 de-termined to subvert the public school system, setting up cells of revolution at other schools — his agent at Rugby, Philip Toynbee, thought Romilly possessed a 'Napoleonic streak". Failing in this en-deavour, he joined the Inter-national Brigade and went to fight in the Spanish Civil War; invalided home, he got a job as a News Chronicle stringer and again set off for Spain, this time taking Decca, who had fallen in love with the idea of him before she met

pearance. Eventually, after Scotland Yard, the Foreign Office, and various British consulates had become involved in the saga, they were persuaded to board a Royal Navy destroyer in Bilbao which took them to St Jean de Luz. They were married by the British consul in

Back in London, they settled in Rotherhiths and joined the Bermondsey Labour Party. A daughter, Ju-lis, died of pneumonia aged four months. Next, vaguely hoping that Romilly could make some money lecturing to women's clubs in the United States, they went to Washington, and then to Florids, where Romilly worked as a barman. When the Chamberlain government fell, and was replaced by the Churchill coalition, Romilly signed up with the Royal Canadian Air Force. After training he was posted back to Britain as a pilot officer.

In November 1941 Romilly



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her second husband Robert Treubaft, a caim and humorous left-wing Harvard lawyer. They joined the American Communist Party during the war and afterwards battled in Oakland, California — "Calif", Decca invariably called it — where, both of them being sociable charac-ters, they became a centre and focus for radical politics. Her job in the classified department of the San Francisco Chronicle vanished after Federal Bureau of Investigation agents probed the couple's activities. She was placed on the US Attorney-General's subversives list and appeared be fore the California state sen ate "un-American activities committee. It was the lack of a job, she and her husband asserted, which turned her to Part of the answer, perhaps

writing, and Hons and Rebels. Their house, technically in industrial Cekland, was on the edge of the Berkeley campus of the University of Califormia, so that particularly in the 1960s they were at the heart of every left-wing cause. was killed during a bombing
Treuhaft's law firm was the
raid on Hamburg. By then
first that any West Coast radiDecca had given birth to their
second daughter, Constancia.

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Famous Writers' School,

opposition to authority, pro-vided people in serious trouble with an unwavering support system they could not easily find elsewhere.

Decca told the history of her membership of the Commu-nist Party in her second auto-biographical work. A Fine Old Conflict (1977). Although like almost everything she wrote, the book was entertaining and shrewd, and although to some extent it was critical of the party, it dodged the central issue, which was why Decca and her fellow party members refused to recognise the na-ture of the murderous Soviet regime. Even after she left the party, following Khruschev's indictment of Stalin in 1956, she continued to be a

is that being a communist was to some extent for Decca another Mitford tease. She was due to inherit a sixth of a family-owned Scottish island, Inch Kenneth, but her father disinherited her after she announced that she proposed to hand over her share to the Communist Party. On Ameri-

extension of her 1980s anti-fas-cism; and in any case, living in California, she was able to insulate herself from the realities of Soviet-dominated astern Europe, and concen trate instead on the injustices of the United States. Argument was not an activity she enjoyed. She was less a com-munist than a natural anarchist. She gave the impression that the rules and conven-tions obeyed by others did not apply to her. She rarely arrived at an airport without a scheme for getting upgraded; from television comp commissioning editors at magazines, with her blue Mitford eyes opening wide, she invariably contrived to ex-tract better terms than any-

Authority, wherever and however it showed itself, was a Decca target, and she had a lawyer husband who could help to spot the weaknesses in authority's case - always excepting the Communist Party. She particularly enjoyed ex-posing rackets, as in the case of the "death industry". Her

one else would have dared to

ask for.

file for bankruptcy after she revealed that the writers advertised as supervisors of the course had precious little to do with it.

America did not in the slightest change har. Her vo-cabulary and accent remained pure Mitford: "Do tell," she would say, eager for gossip. Almost every year she would return to England with her husband, and rent a London flat. One night she would be giving a party attended by, among others, unrecon-structed members of the old left, and the next she would be dining with the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire at Chatsworth. Having her cake and eating it was a Decca

She always had a book on

the stocks: The Trial of Dr Spock (1969), Kind and Usual Punishment (1974), The American Prison Business (1975). Poison Penmanship; The Gentle Art of Muckraking (1978). Faces of Philip, a mem-oir of Philip Toynbes (1984), Grace had an English Heart: A Life of Grace Darling (1988), and The American Way of Birth (1992). In later life, declining to

on the university circuit. delighting and stirring up the students with her jokes and irreverence. Always liable to break into song at dinner-tables, specalising in numbers she had learned in the nursery and old left-wing ballads, in 1995, aged 77, she made her first single for Don't Quit Your Day Job Productions of San Francisco, advertised as featuring "Decca and the Dectones", and accompanied by a

T-shirt for \$15. One of the songs is Grace Darling, learned at her moth-

Twas on the Longstone There dwelt an English

Pure as the air around her, Of danger ne'er afraid.

Her daughter Constancia, her son Benjamin, born in 1947, and her husband survive her. Another son, Nicholas, died in an accident in 1955, aged 11.

Jessics Lucy Mittord, author.

# Outrage, iconoclasm - and treating people right

stely fell for her iconoclasm and devilish humour. The wit and wicked swipes derived from more than a rebel's disavowal of family and back-ground; she could not bear hyground, sale total not hear hy-pocrisy and could sniff out double standards like a police dog. When invited by the National Council of Civil Liberties to give a lecture in the 1980s, she asked how an organisation concerned with liberty could have no black

Her socialism came from a gut instinct about treating people right rather than any familiarity with Marxist texts and she is celebrated among progressive Americans for that political commitment. There was her campaigning for trade was her campaigning for trade union rights, her stance against racism, especially in the south — where, in the 1950s and 1960s, she confronted the Klu Klux Klan — her con-

MET Decca Mitford in my resistance to McCarthylsm. late twenties and immedial She was a wonderful, if demanding, companion; a great raconteur, planner of events, party-giver and party-goer. She couldn't suffer boredom or bores. When we were on holfday last summer on Cape Cod, I took her to a feminist poetry reading about which she was rather suiffy but which she settled for, since the alternative was baseball. She slow handclapped the desultory nature of the proceedings, launching into Why Are We Waiting while Marge Plercy shuffled her collected works.

would exclaim, on being given a boiled agg, "how uiterly ghastly," when she found it was hard in the middle. The great thing was that she laughed at herself when ribbed. She always seemed so permanent, superhuman and completely original.

guests sat at her kitchen table in Oakland, her funny side was visible: the consummate eccentric, the aristocrat-gone-Commie, the outrageous accent, the osten-sibly self-deprecating anec-dotes which always climaxed with an enormous ego-boost. The underlying anger was more apparent to Americans; for most of her life it fuelled her political involvement. She joined the Communist Party She played fierce games of Boggle and Scrabble and spoke an English marooned in 1990s Aristoland. "What bliss", she would exclaim, on being size.

As a Communist Party member in McCarthyite America she said she feit part of an oppressed minority, a link which helped to make the Oakland party branch attrac-tive to blacks. One of her first sorties out of California was to Mississippi to campaign against a death sentence on

N JESSICA Mitford's | Willie McGee, a black lorry | the CP in 1958, partly as a formia, with sorties to pink hours of it each week — per-regular visits here, driver convicted of raping a result of Khrushchev's revela-or when British white woman. | the CP in 1958, partly as a formia, with sorties to pink hours of it each week — per-result of Khrushchev's revela-tion of the Stalin strocities context in which we met her! Words in some form domwhite woman. She was scathing about the

softness of American liberals who were, to her mind, too keen to stay in the mainstream. She sneered at the American Civil Liberties' Union for running its own "loyalty purge" when the McCarthytie going got tough. The Mitford image, crucial to her British success, was only part of the story. At least half of *The American Way of* Death. — which secured her transatlantic fame — was written by her husband, Bob Treuhaft They were a perfect partnership. "Why pick on the wretched undertakers?" she said she asked him when he urged her to do an exposé. He had helped set up a Bay Area Funeral Society to avoid the industry's commercialism. When publishers said a book with two authors would not sell, Bob dropped out. He

and no interest in a writing from anyone else of her age or background. A communist be-when they resigned from lief lived out in capitalist Calihad no interest in a writing career.

and the invasion of Hungary but also because they thought the party had become ineffective, she continued to pursue radical causes. In Nicaragua in the mid-1990s I watched her fulminating at the war pro-moted by her adoptive country. The whimsical exterior was only a veneer. The core was outrage.

HE WAS singing with Maya Angelou when I first set eyes on her. Decca's upper crust voice with its wonderful base resonances wobbled forth a parody of cockney tones for Bernard Cribbins's Right Said Fred - a song about piano removal men that she never ceased to find uproariously funny. It was part of the mix that made her quite different

in the last decade. We were brought together by the pre-lude to one of her journeys back to California. Someone had carved a slate tombstone for her dead dog. Dubbed "Packer Snow", I found my-self trawling for bubble paper and working out how to squash the stone into her

For Decca every thought, every deed, led to another, and retrieved in her mind some earlier moment, most distantly related, that she would then retell as if it had would then retent as it it had happened that morning. She was, in her sister Debo's words, "completely cerebral, never interested in the physical". I last saw her, oblivious to her surroundings, in a grim breeze block room in a onestory motel on Massachusetts Route 6. She had everything she needed, her husband Bob, a bed, bathroom and a table

mated her every waking hour, whether it was writing, researching or faxing. She was in fax contact with humdreds of people all over the world. She devoured every snippet and clipping any of us could lay hands on, and would fax by return bizarre "Calif" absurdities. One day last year a CD and a tape arrived —
Decca and the Dectones had
hit it big in San Francisco.
What the locals made of this 70-something aristocratic woman and her motley crew was never revealed.

She died within three weeks of the discovery of her cancer, a condition that she and Debo described as "an absolute bugdescribed as "an absolute bug-ger". Maya Angelou had time to reach her bedside as she died. The sound of Maya sing-ing My Old Man's A Dustman drifted out across the Oakland suburbs, as Decca slipped

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# His radical roots bore fruit in Brixton

OURTNEY Laws, a community leader in Brixton, London, for more than 30 years, has died after collapsing on his turf in Railton Road — Brixton's frontline - on Monday. He was 65. Among the awards he received for public service were the Order of Dis-tinction. Jamaica, and the Order of the British Empire; but he also valued the affectionate titles bestowed on him by his people — blacks, old and young the General, the Chief and Mas Laws.

He was born into the lower middle classes of colonial Jamaica in June 1931. His father was a clerk at the local market, a position of impor-tance in the parish of St Thomas. It was a special place - a huge sugar plantation with a rich historical past; the home of the Marcons, runaway slaves who marked their terrain and signed a treaty with the authorities, ensuring freedom. Then there was the Morant Bay rebel-lion, led by Paul Bogle. These were huge moments in the is-



Laws . . . community action

eyed kid of seven when the sugar workers of St Thomas opened another historical account. In 1938 all of Jamaica. with St Thomas in the vanguard, challenged the poverty of colonialism and formed two major political parties with huge unions attached to them: the Peoples National revolt, a heady mix of race and class.

The family moved to the parish of St Andrew where he attended Rollington school and Lincoln College. He received through the colonial education system a rigorous discipline in the three Rs, with a classical dimension reminiscent of Matthew Arnold.

He married Ruby Brown in 1965 and set sail for London in that very year, now an educated man steeped in the sentiment of colonial upheavals. Off the ship and straight to thither. They took their com-Esdale Villas, off Mostyn plaints to the St John's Inter-Road, hard core Brixton in the borough of Lambeth.

In those early days the new emigrants were received in the local community by tea and sympathy groups, led in-variably by the vicar. The St John's Inter-Racial Club welcomed the Laws family, and Courtney at once made his Party, with the National mark. A shop-steward at the Workers Union; and the Jamaican Labour Party, with indefatigable organiser ponse to latchkey kids; a scended by regular process.

the Bustamante Industrial within the racial club. Old St youth club, another response sions to the Norwood came-Workers Union. Courtney Thomas habits had come to to the boredom and wayward tery.

Laws supped from the cup of roots in Brixton, rich with the ness of the first generation of On a morning the residents smells and sounds of the Caribbean.

Somerleyton and Geneva roads soon earned the sobri-quet "Jamaica away from home", a mirror reflection of Thackeray's Vanity Fair. But the local council had different plans and embarked on the demolition of the Victorian terrace houses on both

A great uncertainty reigned with the break-up of the community. Tenants who occupied the properties were being transferred hither and Racial Club. Courtney Laws rose to the occasion with his mates, the lats Joe Hunt and Cecil Collier. The triumvirate formed the Somerleyton and Geneva Roads Association and fought for the rights of the tenants. That was in 1964 and from then Laws never

looked back.

young blacks. Never a dabbler, Courtney.

now immersed in social work, announced his shortcomings and set off to Leicester University to put them right: he graduated in 1967 with a diploma in social studies.

It was a time of black power. Martin Luther King dreamt, Malcolm X had sizzled in anger and the winds were blowing their rhetoric across the Atlantic The Gen-eral kept his head down Black and proud with a regal gait, he raised the banner of the Brixton Neighbourhood Community Association. I knew him well by then. He took this somb in his stride, attended all the protest meet-

ings but held his tongue. Courtney was never a rhetorician. Quietly and systematically, with his wife Ruby, he developed an advice centre, and later the West Indian Senior Citizens Association, one of the realisations that

of Railton and Mayall roads could set their clocks by Mr Laws' arrival at his office. Business arranged for the day, he would nip over to his friend, Leon, for a drink at the Mingles pub. Then with his hands clasped behind his back, à la House of Windsor, he strolled down Railton Road along Colcharbour Lane chatting amiably as he went. He was the chief; we his subjects. He had received dignitaries including the Queen Mother and Princess Zennani, Nelson Mandela's daughter. But, strangely, he did not receive an invitation to meet President Mandela on his recent visit. He

but it hurt him deeply. A gen-tleman to the end, he kept his peace. He is survived by his wife, three children and three grandchildren.

Courtney Alexandre Henriques Laws, community leader, born June 16, 1931; died July 22, 1996

R J M Tolhurst writes: King | overthrown in April by brecht obinuary, July 12). Left-wing socialists, led by Kurt Eisner, headed a revolution which overthrew the monarchy on November 8, 1918. All the other German dynasties were also overthrown in that month of German defeat.

It was following Kurt Eisner's assassination on Pebruary 21, 1919, by a rightseized power. But their "soviet republic" was itself

### Birthdays

Sally Beauman, writer, 52; Dallas Bower, television ploneer, film director and writer, 89; Louise Brown, world's first test tube baby 18: James Butler, sculptor, 65: Nicole Farbi, fashion designer, 60; Lady Goodhart, principal, Queen's College. London, 57; Prof William Niblett, educationist, 90; Margaret Puxon, barrister and gynaeocologist, 81: Lord Renfrew of Kalmsthorn, archaeologist, master, Jesus College, Cambridge, 59;

Ludwig III of Bavaria was not troops sent by the federal republican government in Berlin.

#### Death Notices

CRLLESPIE, Arene Estanbeth - passed swary on 23 July 1996 at Permindige Unit, after 3 long litness, egod 51 Dearly beloved wite of Michael and devoted mother to Christian Chamberlayne Road, NW10, on Friday, 25 July 1996 at 10.00 am, followed by a Cremation at the West London Cremation and Sant 10 MacKelling Permindige Apparel and Sent to MacKelling Permindige Apparel and Sent to MacKelling Permindige Apparel and Sent to H J Bent & Co. 343 Lactorium Grove, London W10 gest, telephone 2181 923 1170.

TELFORD, Stanley Arthur, of Southern and Redear, on July 22nd in his 84th year after a bettle against cancer, after in the Labour movement for most worker in the Labour movement for most in a life. Donabons if wished to the Wood Land Trans Granktann N22nd at 1

### in Memoriam

GRIBERER, Lemm, died peacetuity 28th July 1891, levine mum and grandens. Sun se sharing custed Lord, why on why does it not heart maybe one day when we will all meet again. Love Freda. Lewity and Pat, Righard and lewity

#### Memorial Services

JON PERTWEE A memorial service is to be held on August 1st at 12pm at St Paus's. Covert Garden, to celebrate the life and dress of Jon Pertwee. To place your announcement telephor 0171 713 4567. Fax 0171 713 4129.

Tomorrow: Yorkshire Water faces shareholders

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# Finance Guardian

# Allied drives £200m Carlsberg bargain

Lisa Buckingham

LLIED Domecq is ex-pected to sell its 50 per cent share of the Carlsberg-Tetley brewing operation for up to £200 million when the deal

layed the announcement. Shareholders are likely to be satisfied if Allied secures a price of anything better than £150 million,

the City has been talking down expectations of the deal and traders have suggested Allied would be willing to extricate itself at almost any price. It is understood, however, that Allied, under its new chairman Sir Christopher Hogg, has driven a harder barhas driven a harder bargain than anticipated and a statement on terms is expected next week.

Not only will the company be able to boast a higher sale price than forebetter than £150 million, cast by City analysts but it even though the company's is likely to withdraw withstake in the ailing brewery out becoming embroiled in

competition authorities to give a green light to a take-over that will give it about 40 per cent of the UK brewing business, catapulting the company back into the country's number one slot which was lost to Scottish & Newcastle after its acqui-

sition of Courage. If Bass succeeds in bnying a share of Carlsberg-Tetley, it will bring Britain into line with most overseas countries where the

Yesterday the Bank said it

would also set up a "quality assurance function", in line

with recommendations in a

Board of Banking Supervi-

sion report drawn up after the

Barings affair.
Mr Davies estimated that

the reforms could add be-

tween 20 and 25 per cent to the cost of the Bank's supervi-

sory activities, now £35 mil-

sory activities, now £35 million a year.

One problem has been in retaining and attracting people with the skills needed by the supervisory division. Yesterday Mr Davies said that the Bank would be flexible in regarding aristing staff.

ble in rewarding existing staff or attracting outside experts,

but that across-the-board pay

increases were "not realistic in the public sector".

A spokesman for the Tree-sury said: "The Bank believes

t can afford the increase [in

supervisory costs? from

within existing resources

over the next two years be-cause of savings elsewhere.

The [cost] implications for

later years will be addressed

Labour's City spokesman

listair Darling, gave the

reform package a guarded welcome, while warning that

there was a limit to what the

Bank of England, as the regu-

change of culture away from

the traditional old boy net-

work where they rely on the

fact that they knew these

chaps and they assumed they

knew what they were doing,

What we need to see from the Bank of England is a ...

nearer the time."

business is in its books at substantially more.

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Bass must convince the market, will be left in the market, will be left in the market, will be left in the market.

The UK competition authorities appear convinced that the domestic beer market is now controlled by the retailers — supermarkets, pub groups and off licences — and is sympathetic towards the argument for contraction to cut costs among ale producers. Cre-dence is also given to the claim that 3 per cent of the market now comes in from

historic brands in the Carlsberg-Tetley stable, such as Benskius, which could in the future be used to brand fashionable pub

outlets.
Allied's existing pub basiness is tied into the Carlsberg-Telley beer operation in what is regarded as an expensive supply agreement which expires next year. The deal with Bass is thought to take account of this, which analysts reckon is worth about £50 million. raising the putative sale price to more than £200

If Allied extricates itself

Ex-power chief to take over as chairman

Carlsberg-Tetley morass with anything like its head held high, the company's standing in the City is bound to rise in anticipa-tion of more deals from Sir Christopher.

The company is thought to be examining its portfolio of spirits — in order to slim down the number of top brands to between 12 and 15. These can then be supported with increased marketing spend — some-thing Allied has lacked in recent years compared with competitors such as Grand-

#### Notebook

## No substitute for sound judgment



Alex Brummer

HE Bank of England cannot be accused of responding frivolously to the Barings debacle. Almost a year to the day after the Board of Banking Supervision exposed the profound weaknesses in the existing regulatory structures, it has moved to introduce critical reforms.

The most important is the move to what the Bank calls a "more systematic model of risk assessment", under which it will seek to gain a better understanding of the risk associated with the various business of banks under its charge. This is an attempt to find a path between the extremes of a US-style inspec-tion-based system — which was not durable enough to prevent Daiwa's rogue trader in New York — and the low-regulation full-disclosure ap-

proach of New Zealand. The Bank's run of its new model in two institutions, one major bank and one smaller player, demonstrated some advantages to detailed risk assessment. For instance it can significantly increase knowl-edge of how much of a hank's capital can be exposed safely to overseas risk — such as Barings' dealings in Singa-pore. Presumably, a risk as-sessment of HSBC might, for example, find an unwise concentration of Pacific lending in the property sector.

However, there will still be

significant gaps in the Bank's coverage. Because of the home country supervision rules, encapsulated in EU directives. German banks can carry out activities in London that are alien in Frankfurt. This is a grey area, still to be addressed satisfactorily.

The Bank is also seeking to address a deficit in its regula-tory culture. This will be done by providing better analytical tools to regulators and bringing more grey panthers (part time banking experts) into Threadneedle Street ing Supervision was meant to do that anyway.

However good the benchmarking and quality standards, there can be no substitute, in the end, for judgment and the ability to use intelligence wisely. If these skills had been better honed in the past, then there may have been no need to bring in Arthur Andersen in the first

#### **Grow carefully**

HE buoyant growth in retail sales in June is the latest in a series of indicators suggesting that the economy is taking off. Almost every authoritative survey including those from the Brittium, and the CBI's on indus-trial production, are now pointing in the same direcion — upwards,

This ought to be a source of joy for the Government, which has had to wait until the fifth year of recovery for the feel-good factor. The Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, was almost certainly over-anxious when he asserted his quarter point to 5.75 per cent.
The Governor of the Bank
of England, Eddie George,
now has more than enough ammunition to fire at Mr Clarke when they meet next week. Aside from the statistical evidence of the 1.3 per cent rise in retail sales in June, which brings the yearon-year growth up to 3.3 per cent from 2.4 per cent, the Governor also has a great deal of snecdotal material to

Looking across the City of London he cannot miss the reappearance of the giant cranes. At recent agms the picture from the large retailing groups has been univer-sally more optimistic. House prices in certain regions bave picked up, helped, in part, by the relaxation of lending criteria by some building societies. And so on.

The delayed summer weather no doubt played a part in boosting clothing and shoe sales. But the real driv-ing force behind this expansion is the rise in disposable income, and windfall gains from a variety of sources ranging from Tessas to building society conversions and utility rebates . . . not to mention the April tax cut.

On historical experience, this in many respects is the most dangerous phase of the British cycle. If Mr George and company can manage to keep it under control, then lingering questions about the Banks's credibility could be put to rest. 19 07. July 1.50

#### Pie in the sky

T IS because Rupert Mur-doch has been so adept at exploiting regulatory loopholes that he has been able to win such a dominant media position in the UK and other markets. By developing the Astra satellite as a non-domestic venture, for instance, he was able to skip around cross-ownership limits in

Britain. But Mr Murdoch's enterprises are still getting an easy ride from the regulators. The latest to fall under the spell is the OFT director-general, John Bridgeman, who has accepted the argument that It was only as a result of a highrisk investment that BSkvB was able to improve consumer choice. Maybe. But BSkyB was only able to reach this position by ruthlessly knocking the other potential satellite operator out of the sky, basing its satellite be-yond the reach of UK authori-ties, deploying the full range of Murdoch's media interests in promotion and depriving arge parts of the population of live coverage of great sporting events. Anyone who believes that

BSkyB will give the weaker ish Chambers of Commerce, cable operators a fair chance 3is and the Retail Consories living in cloud cuckoo land.

#### to a more pro-active role," he told BBC Radio 4's The World division, including up to 45 more supervisors; better returns required from banks

up to the job, but also that the role has synergies with its overall responsibilities for Britain's financial sys tem, writes Mark Milner. But three scandals in a decade have put the Bank's supervisory role under the

spotlight. The first, in 1984, was the collapse of Johnson Matthey Bankers with £250 million of bad debts a large slice of which had gone to a very small num-ber of borrowers. The affair sparked a flurry of legal

hanging on to its role as banking regulator, and the then Chancellor of the job, but also that role has synergies with mercial banks which were "asked" to contribute to a Bank-organised whip-

> The second scandal, in 1991, was the closure of the Bank of Credit and Com-merce International after what the regulator described as a "massive and complex fraud." The supervisory issues

HE Bank of England is | It is said to have strained | Bank came under heavy

ing run up in Singapore by one of its traders, Nick

regulatory arm came under fire for failing to act on warnings that Barings' Sinwere complicated: BCCI gapore operation was tak-was based in Luxembourg ing on dangerously high exbut did much of its business posures through its out of London. But the derivative dealings.

# Sir Alastair sees light at the end of the tunnel

New face  $\dots$  Robert Malpas, a non-executive director of Eurotunnel, and the first chairman

Keith Harper Transport Editor

O, we say farewell to Sir Alastair Morton. The man whose singleminded determination and abrasive approach has been the driving force behind the building of the Channel Tunnel is resigning as chairman

But his departure, though not immediate, is imminent.
He said yesterday that he still
had one thing left to do — the
conclusion of a deal with the banks on how the company can be relieved of its This prevents Eurotunne from making a profit and giv

ing its shareholders a welcome break from the financial purgatory they have had to e since the tunnel was muilt. Sir Alastair said he tended handing over to Robert Malpas, a non-executive

70-year-old, semi-retired busi-und emounting In a characteristically opti-

only a matter of weeks before a deal was agreed. The likely outcome is that the banks will swap their loans for shares in the company and then sell it

Sir Alastair has no plans to tackle anything else, apart from taking a long holiday and staying on the board of Lucas. He has always insisted be would out at the heart of the county of the stay of t he would get out when the

operating. Last Friday, Eurotunnel's rail shuttle service carried of adequate transport links.

Finding a successor was dif- | 9,800 cars and coaches in one ficult. Nobody would take the job. Which is why the company has had to fall back on a has 43 per of the cross-chan-nel traffic and business is Sir Alastair can look back

with some pride at his achievement, apart from the little matter of the burdensome debt loans. He said: "De-spite the price war forced on us by the ferry operators, Eurotunnel is now ahead of breakeven after all operating costs including depreciation, but before bank interest."

Sir Alastair, the son of a Scots engineer, was born in Johannesburg, which he left to become an Oxford scholar. His previous jobs included banking engineering and oil before he took on the job of masterminding the Channel Tunnel enterorise

He unashamedly locked horns with governments, rail-way companies and manufacturers over what he saw as the slow delivery of rolling on safety regulations and lack

#### Market makers celebrate victory over stamp duty

CITY market makers yes-terday welcomed propos-als from Chancellor Kenneth Clarke which will ensure that they continue to enjoy relief from stamp duty on share TERSECTIONS.

They had feared losing the benefit, which has existed since the 1920s, after the Chancellor called for a review of the practice as part of a wider-ranging study into in-creasing liquidity in the Lon-COH COARRESS. In fact, Mr Clarke, on the

advice of the Securities and Investments Board, the City's leading watchdog, announced plans to widen relief to include other market "interme diaries" such as regional

The new rules will not apply to small investors who will continue to pay stamp

despite Prime Minister John Major's pledge to eventually abolish the tax.

duty on share transactions.

The Stock Exchange has also agreed to SIB proposals aimed at a greater level of transparency in market trading. It will require all so-called "protected trades" — which allowed market makers to delay notification for 90 them to conceal their positions — to be made public at once. It means that the proportion of share transactions which become public knowledge immediately after they have taken place will increase from 75 per cent to more than

85 per cent. Publishing the SIB's report to the Chancellor, chairman Sir Andrew Large said the proposals would have significrease the amount of liquidity

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The sale to brewer Bass
was expected to be finalised before the weekend but technical hitches have de-

**Bank spends** an blasts £8m to avoid

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HE Bank of England yesterday unveiled an £8 million-a-year package of measures intended to boost its supervision and sur-vaillance operations in the wake of the Barings invest-

ment bank collapse.
The Bank's deputy governor, Howard Davies, said he believed the reforms would make it "more likely" that the Bank would be able to detect problems such as the one that brought down Barings. But it did not mean that bank fail-

ures were a thing of the past. No system could prevent bank failures, he said. "Banks are in the business of taking risks. If they did not, there would be no point in having them. The aim is to create a banking supervision system which, as far as possible, reduces the risk of the failure

of individual institutions. The Bank's proposals are based on a report from consultants Arthur Andersen that looked at how the Bank conducts its supervisory and surveillance functions. The report, which followed a ninemonth study, concluded that, while the Bank should keep its existing system "where supervisors exercise informed judgement within improved standards and guide-

lines", a series of reforms should be implemented. These included more resources, which could mean an additional 100 new posts to add to the existing 385 in the

training: recruitment of people with specialist skills; more effective use of information technology and tighter links between the aims of supervision and the process

new Barings

by which it was carried out. A key part of the reform programme will be a risk asseesment model, now being tested, which will allow supervisors to draw up what Mr Davies described as a "risk map" of individual

institutions. Michael Foot, the Bank's director of supervision, said that under the new regime Bank officials would carry out more "on site" visits. The "inquisitorial" but to ensure that they addressed real

IAIN POINTS □ Retention of the Bank's judgmental, rather than rulebased, approach to

for the Bank's supervision and surveillance activities ☐ Introduction of a "risk essment model" to identify areas of banks' operations where risks are

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☐ More staff — up to 100 and more equipment at a total cost of up to £8 million

A more focused structure

training plus recruitment of an retired senior bankers — the 'grey panthers" Overtraul of financial

Three the Old Lady missed

collapse of Barings, one of the oldest names in British merchant banking, with about £960 million worth of losses on derivatives trad-

Once again the Bank's

# Suter succumbs to bid

Pand Microsofty

UTER, the mini-conglomerate run by David Abel, is expected to confirm this morning that it has succumbed to a £260 million takeover offer from Ascot Holdings, the former Control Securities group once run by disgraced financier Nazmu

Ascot, now a cash rich "shell" company run by for-mer Williams Holdings director Howard Dyer, is thought to be offering a package of cash and shares valuing Suter stock at 220p apiece. As the two companies conceded that they were in takes yesterday. Attachment the shares in Suter jumped 27p to cleared of insider dealing businesses instead.

197p, valuing Mr Abel's 3 per charges two years ago, even-cent stake at almost tually moving off to pursue £8 million.
Mr Dyer revamped Ascot.

which as Control Securities was drawn into the Bank of Credit and Commerce International collapse four years ago. It has been slowly dispos-ing of a ragbag of hotels and pubs since then, and carried out a £175 million restructurout a £175 million restructur-ing 18 months ago. The last sizeable asset, a block of £50 pubs, was sold off to a man-agement group in February for £30 million, leaving the company with net cash of around £20 million.

Mr Dyer is expected to head the newly merged company with Mr Abel, who was other interests.

Becoming a main board di-rector of British Leyland by the age of 32, Mr Abel com-bined his job with heavy specand made a personal fortune

expanded during the 1980s. Its

interests, ranging from fridges to chemicals, were built up during the 1980s. Just three months ago, Mr Abel announced that Suter would no longer make investments in other publiclyquoted companies, opting to concentrate on its core

mistic marmer, Sir Alastair suggested that a solution to the debt problem was on the table. He stressed that the deal was "visible", and that the 220 banks around the world, who have poured money into the project, now "have to make up their minds" He made it clear that it was

tunnel was built and director of Eurotunnel, and the first chairman of the electricity senerator. PowerGen.

stock, excessive bureaucraci

# All clear for Hills and Swinburn

**Graham Rock** 

SWIN-BURN was granted a licence to ride from August 11 by the Jockey Club vesterday, and the Disciplinary Committee reduced the suspension incurred by Michael Hills at Doncaster last week. Consequently, Hills will be able to partner Pentire in the King George Diamond Stakes at Ascot on Saturday.

Swinburn, who suffered ex-tensive injuries in Hong Kong on February 11, has made a complete recovery, but the committee felt it prudent for him to wait six months following his accident before he resumed riding.
After a 40-minute hearing.

Swinburn and his father gave a brief press conference at which the jockey read out a prepared statement. Swin-burn was visibly nervous.

The Licensing Committee spelt out to him that, having suffered brain damage, a subsequent fall would probably be far more serious than for a jockey who had not previ-ously sustained brain

Nevertheless, Swinburn said he was very pleased that his licence had been reissued 'after what has been a long and trying time for both myself and my family. I accept the reasons for the delay. I had a very fair hearing from the Jockey Club and I have received enormous help from

If he rides out at Newmar-

will require private insur-ance. Under the official scheme, jockeys are covered for six months from the date on which their injuries were

incurred.

Asked if he expected to ride at the first permitted opportu-nity, Swinburn replied: "Definitely. I can't wait to get back. To wait another three weeks is still going to be hard, you know, but I've always wanted to get back. Riding is my life, and it's been sorted out." Michael Hills is relishing

the prospect of riding Pentire at Ascot on Saturday. He incurred a three-day suspen-sion for careless riding at Doncaster last week, and appealed to the Disciplinary Committee, whose members watched comprehensive video replays of the race and decided to reduce the penalty

to two days. Under Jockey Club rules, a two-day suspension offers much more flexibility and Hills will miss riding tomor-

row and Monday. "It was brilliant," he said. "Now I just want to get out there and prove Pentire to be the best. In normal circumstances, three days was not severe, but because it ruled me out of the King George, it

was severe. "On the day it definitely looked careless, but they didn't take into account the other horse's head carriage, how hard he was pulling, and how much trouble he was giv-

ing Kevin Darley,
"Yesterday Darley said what he said on the day. But



the horse were unbalanced."
Michael Roberts, who was standing by to take over on Pentire, will now switch to Newcastla to ride Branston the 1997 fixture list. There are Abby, who will attempt to two fewer days with evening

tures," said Tristram Rick-etts, chief executive of the BHB. "Racing remains very reliant on the punters' contriequal the post-war record of fixtures, and Sunday racing 22 wins by a mare. Mark has been divided into four Johnston's game sprinter blocks. bution via the levy and we will continue to work with

"The off-course punter the betting industry." Tom benefits from an increase in the number of afternoon fixation, said that the 1997 list was "an improvement as far as being more off-course punter friendly than its pre-decessors, but further im-provements could be made." **Rugby League** 

# 'Too expensive' Larder to leave Keighley

Paul Fitzpatrick

HIL LARDER, the England and Great Britain chach, is to leave Fried coach, is to leave Keigh. ley at the end of the season after two highly successful years in charge at Cougar Park. He claims that the club can no longer afford him. "I have been told that the club cannot afford to renew

my contract and I am not being offered a new deal," Larder said. clearly I have to look to the Guinea, Fiji and New Zealand future. My time with the Cougars has been very rewarding and I will do everything in my power to ensure that we finish this season in the best

wealthy businessman who bought the club last week with the promise that funds mated at £100,000 to a pitchbought the club last week with the promise that funds would be available to buy players and improve

Larder, one of the most thorough and knowledgeable of coaches, is unlikely to be out of work for long. The forthcoming vacancy at Brad-ford would suit him, although the Bulls may be tempted to look again to Australia for a replacement for Brian Smith. I am ambitious as a coach to work with the top players as an international coach to be able to see the best players

in the game on a regular basis," Larder said. After two seasons at Widnee, Larder replaced Peter Roe at Cougar Park in May 1994 and in his first season

Division championship. But Keighley, to Larder's and the club's bitter disappointment, did not secure a place in

Super League. They finished runners up to Salford in the Centenary Championship. They are chasing Salford again this season but have suffered horrendously with injuries and are currently fourth. Last year Larder steered

England to the World Cup final, where they were beaten by Australia, and he will be in charge of the Great Britain any spell with a club but side to tour Papua New

campaign.
Greg McCallum, the controller of referees, is to submit a report to the game's chief executive Maurice Lind-This unexpected development follows quickly on the arrival of Carl Metraffe, a League clash between Warrington and Bradford.

side television camera, and criticism of the referee Stuart Cummings by Warrington's coach John Dorahy will feature in McCallum's report.

"Just one player has been referred to the disciplinary

committee, Richard Henare of Warrington, but after further consideration of the match video-recording I will be making a report to the chief exec-utive," said McCallum. Wakefield rugby union club have denied that Jonathan

Griffiths, their former Eng-land Under-21 flanker, has joined the Super League club Paris St Germain.

Jim Coulson, Wakefield's secretary, said there had been no contact with Paris. "Jonathan Griffiths is contracted to took the side to the Second | play for Wakefield," he added.

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2.45 (1m): 1, STAR OF GOLD, R Hughes (12-1): 2, Greet Bear (50-1); 3, Maprie Bay (11-2): 13-5 tav My Gallery, 8 ran. 3, 1 (C. Egerben): 70 to 14.00; 6.70, 6.5 10, 5.1-90.
Dual F 1142.80. CSF: 273.00. Tricast 3.16 (\*m 2f): 1, DEMINUTIVE, M Henry [5-6 (av): 2, Massem Aleshar (13-8), 3, Finebury Phyer (5-1) 3 ran 1K, 1 (a) Hills) Tote T1.90, Dual F: C1.40 CSF-C2.43. Ousir to 30. CSF 113.21. Tricast 1112.40.
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Barron) Tobe. 21.40; 21.10, 21.20. Dual F;
£1 60. CSF: £1.81. 5.00 (6th 1, Cheeky Chappy, K Darley (4-1), 2, Thwesh (3-1 lay); 3, My Godson (11-2), 10/an. 5, 2 (D Chapman); Tota; 5.60; 51.80, 51.90, 52.90, Dual F: 66.50, Trio; 58.20, CSF-\$15.63, Tricast \$60.18.

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4.45 (2m 1f): 1, PARADISE NAVY, R Hughes (5-2), 2, Special Beat (13-8 fav); 2, Wasted (100-30), 8 ran 18, 1 (6 Eperion) Tote (3.10): £1.10, £1.40, £1, 10. Dual F: £3.40 CSF: £8.64 Treasi, £11.11 PLACEPOT: £96,10, QUADPOT: £16.60.

CATTERICK 2.50 (77): 1, POLY MOON, J Carroll (7-2); 2, Abstock Queen (12-1); 2, Cajun Sun-pot (4-1) 3-1 lav Grovelsir Madden 12 ran. 15, 15, (M Clummon) Tota: 12.20, C2.50, C2.90, 51,70 Dust F £22,70, Trior £28,70, CSF-548,05,

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PLACEPOTI C1.90. QUADPOTI C1.90.

3-00 (SP: 1, THE INSTITUTE BOY, J Lowe (13-2); 2, Kalar (8-1); 3, Able Shoriff (7-2) 3-11av Leading Princess, 9 ran. 4, 6, (Miss J Craze) Tole: 17-04; 22.50, 1190, 11.50, Dual F 118: 07. Tric 124:00, CSF 140.17, Tricast 5,147.18, NR: Swan, Al Whalley, which awn not under orders, rule 4 deduction 10p.

3.30 (1m 6f): 1, WILAWANDER, M Hills 11-5 fav), 2, Belmarks (8-1): 2 7

11-6 fav), 2, Beimarita (8-1); 2, Totale Datager (8-1), 6 ran 9, 14. (8 Hills) Tales 57.70; £1.10, £1.80, Dunt F: £1.80, CSF: £2.65.

4.00 (71): 1, MASHAAT, P McCabe (4-1): 2, Pine Fidge Lad (2-1 lav): 3, Another Hightneare (16-1), 9 ran. Hd, srt hd (M Chapman) 1048: 15:90, £1:40, £1:40, £3:80, Dual F-28 30, CSF-£13.21, Tricase £112.40,

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# **Hussain and Lewis** forced to pull out

Mike Selvey at Lord's

KE ATHERTON yesterday endured a day for which the job prospectus can hardly have prepared them. They missed England's practice in the morning because they were required to give evidence in the High Court; and in the afternoon they learned that they would have to play the first Test against Pakistan without Chris Lewis and Nas-

Captain and coach played down the disruption, but Lloyd has had less practice at Loyd has had less practice at masking his concern. "It has been a distraction to our preparations," he admitted. "I'm not saying I'm getting twitchy, but I like to know that I've prepared properly for a big match."

Lewis having channel in

Lewis, having charged in on Tuesday in order to impress a speed-measuring device, tried again yesterday but sat out most of the session, before it was decided that he would not be worth the risk.

be the more worrying. It is more than a fortnight since more than a fortnight since he received the blow on his right hand that cracked the replace him at first wicket brittle than India's. Getting a

knuckle of his index finger. It feels fine, he says, until he gets a delivery off-centre on the bat, and then it jars; the sell, of course, did so against the pace of Washin Akram and crack is still the sell of course, did so against the pace of Washin Akram and crack is still the sell of course, and the sell of course, did so against the pace of Washin Akram and crack is still the sell of our own on the board might be a bit more difficult." crack is still there.

England have therefore lost two of the more successful players from the recent series against India, with Hussain having apparently solved the trouble-spot at No. 3 by scoring two centuries in three matches and Josephanes. matches and Lewis running in hard and taking on suc-cessfully the role of strike

For Lewis it may have been too good to last. On his past record, three successive Test matches represent an unbroken length of service that ought to bring him a gold watch.

It has all served to disrupt England's plans. Where once they had options for various conditions, last night they were down to only 11 players. No replacements are being sought, so Simon Brown, Durham's industrious left-arm pace bowler, will have gone to bed last night knowing that he will make his England debut on the grandest stage, and Nick Knight will return Hussain's injury appears to to open the innings with

Atherton.

India last month) and he can point to an exemplary record on the ground of 819 runs at an average of 58.5.

There is an element of risk

in the England side with only stan score over India in some quality back-up.
Although the tourists' bowling does not worry Atherton unduly, after the questions five front-line batsmen and an attack with only 24 caps among them, but then there is also a spirit of adventure.

An alternative would have posed by Srinath and Prasad been to play a sixth specialist batsman as security in the skirmishing at the start of a earlier in the summer, it is nevertheless a formidable

series and on a ground where England's recent record is not good. But there is no evidence If England are to compete they need to bat as a team. With runs on the board, the bowlers can have a tilt at a Pakistan batting line-up that is full of quality but perhaps lacks the influence of one conto support the notion that the extra batsman has performed even adequately in the past, and at least there is variety in the attack, particularly with a sistently dominant player. brace of left-arm pace England can survive, win bowlers, possibly a unique oc-currence in England sides. If Atherton was given a fairly easy ride yesterday in the High Court tear-up-a-teneven, but they must play on even, but truey must play on the limit to do so. seedance in a America (capi), in V Knight A J Slewart, G P Thorpe, G A Hick, M A Estham, R C Russell (wickerspert), I D K Sallabury, D G Cork, S J E Brown, A D Noticelle

Lying in wait is not only the pace of Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis but also the

leg-spin of Mushtaq Ahmed, who was deemed to have out-bowled Shane Warne in Aus-tralia last winter; and Paki-

PARCESTANI (POPU): Abrilly School, Sassen Anwar. I jaz Ahmed, Inzamam-uh-Hac, Salim Malik, Asi Mujaba, Rashid Lati (wickelkeeper), Wasim Akram (capt), Mushtaq Ahmed, Waqar Younis, Shahid Nazir, Ala-ur Rehman, Mohammad Akram, Umpakeat P Wiltey and S Bucknor, Yaling us to be able to bowl Pakistan

#### Pakistan's improbable pair of biffers prepare for battle with Cork

Paul Weaver

EST cricket has probably never seen anything like Pakistan's opening pair Aamir Sobail and Saeed Anwar, who go about their business as if in the expiring overs of a Sunday league biff. Both these left-handers have gone down with Jayasuriya Fever.

At Old Trafford in 1992 Sohail scored 205 in only his fourth Test innings, passing 400 in the series for an average of 51. In Australia 18 months ago he topped only cured his malaria but 300 in three Tests for an average of 54, including a tal strength. At the wicket.



Anwar . . . mental strength

orable 99 in Sydney. With Schall you get what you see: this is a temperamental, tempestuous and overtly aggressive crick-

Off the field Anwar might be his alter ego. This is the most gentle of men, quietly spoken but articulate. recently married to a doctor who, it is said, has not

however, he and Sohail are | A side last winter and

ner competition, he can ex-pect a more searching exami-nation at Lord's today. "The options are there for

out twice and win the match."

one. Anwar bats as if to emulate his boyhood hero Viv Richards, and with three centuries already against the counties leads the firstclass averages with 98. Yet Anwar made his Test

debut with a king pair against West Indies in Fai-salabad in 1990 and had to wait three years for another chance. "It was better than scoring six and one than scoring six and one—
it got my name in the record books," he says now.
After only 14 Tests at an
average of 41.52, Imran
Khan has compared Anwar
to Lara and Tendulkar. All
told, the battle between Anwar-Sohail and the combative Bominic Cork may well

ive Dominic Cork may well be the feature of the series. But it is the rich promise of the youngsters which makes this such a strong Pakistan aquad. The teen-age left-hander Shadab Ka-bir scored heavily against Nasser Hussain's England

started this tour with 99 and 51 against Northants and further impressive

strokeplay against Kent.
Saqlain Mushtaq, only
19, is already considered
among the world's leading
off-spinners. He took 52
wickets in his first season in 1994-95 and started his tour of Australia last winter with five for 39 against Western Australia.

Shahid Nazir, right-arm fast-medium, impressed his opponents when he took six for 64 against England A. Mohammad Akram, 21 and from Rawalpindi, is a tall seam bowler who played league cricket in Bristol and attracted Gloucestershire scouts. Ata-ur-Rehman became

the eighth-youngest Test player in 1992, at barely 17, and looks likely to play today in preference to Ak-ram after Wasim Akram's hint that he will stick to a eamer policy.



Down and out ... the injured Nasser Hussain (squatting) and Chris Lewis (sitting) are for nine having been 145 for consoled by the England physiotherapist Wayne Morton.

PHOTOGRAPH TOWN JENERS Sight

#### Championship

Yorks v Somerset

### Reward at last for bowlers

lan Geldart at Scarborough

OST of the chat at North Marine Road yesterday was about Yorkshire's decision to take the grounds at Middles-brough, Sheffield, Bradford and Harrogate off their fix-ture list. They will play all their cricket at Headingley except for a maximum of two championship and Sunday games here at Scarborough.

This ground has been a graveyard for bowlers for years and Yorkshire, who started yesterday 15 points clear at the top of the table, cannot afford another bore pitch but remained reason ably kind to the batsmen, and there were long periods, no-tably when Keith Parsons and Richard Harden were compil-ing a stand of 122 in 39 overs, when David Byas must have regretted his decision to field. But Yorkshire these days are game battlers and Peter Hartley, Darren Gough and Chris Silverwood came un

with wickets at vital stages.

Mark Lathwell dominated an opening stand of 86 with Peter Bowler, but Hartley, who once said pitches here should be dug up and tossed into the North Sea, found enough movement to heat both batsmen and gain lbw decisious just after lunch.

Hartley should have had a third wicket but the wicket-keeper Richard Blakey dropped a chance offered by Harden on 18. In the previous over Parsons, then five, had been missed by Craig White at first slip off Silverwood. Both batsmen went on to patient half-centuries.

Harden made 54 from 146 balls before edging Silver-wood to second slip, starting a spell which brought the 21-year-old seamer four wickets for 16 runs in 33 balls. Silverwood's persistence made it a good day for Yorkshire, with Somerset 308 all out.

 David Ripley, the 29-year-old wicketkeeper recalled by Northamptonshire because of Russell Warren's broken thumb, made 71 not out in 2% hours against Worcestershire at Kidderminster yesterday. The visitors firm

# Martyn pledges future to Leeds

ian Ross and Russell Thomas

HE best-laid plans of Everwere unexpectedly undone yesterday when the Crystal Palace goalkeeper Nigel Martyn agreed to join Leeds.

At the time early yesterday afternoon that Martyn was

his fixture to Leeds.
Everton had confidently expected to unveil him at a lunchtime press conference today, having agreed a £2.2 million fee on Monday and received verbal assurances from the goalkeeper.

But yesterday Martyn, 29, phoned Everton to say he was interrupting his journey to meet the Leeds manager Howard Wilkinson

Only 24 hours after reluctantly agreeing to sell Gary McAllister to Coventry for £3 million, Wilkinson had contacted Palace to seek permission to meet Martyn Later, as Royle waited at his club's training ground, Martyn entered Elland Road, emerging a couple of hours later having agreed to sign a four-

the decision was yesterday by Hoddle.

evening when Leeds an-

nounced a press conference for this morning. McAllister was paraded at Highfield Road, with Coven-iry planning to follow their club-record signing with a major foreign player before the start of the season. Their manager Ron Atkinson said: "Signing a world-recognised star like McAllister should

expected on Merseyside to complete his move, he was in fact at Elland Road pledging his fixture to Leeds.

Everton had confidently expected on Merseyside to help us bring in the one other quality signing I'm looking for. We had a good look at who was available during Euro 96 and it could be that our next arrival comes from the Continent."

McAllister, who has signed a four-year contract at Coven-try worth a reputed 23 mil-lion, said: "I haven't come to Highfield Road to scratch around at the bottom of the Premiership. If we start the season well and are around the half-way mark at Christ-mas we could be pushing for a place in Europe, which is a realistic target."

England's coach Glenn Hoddle has appointed the former international winger Peter Taylor as the first full-time manager of the England Under-21 team. As well as being a former Tottenham team-mate, Taylor, 43, was coach to the Football League The first Everton knew of representative sides managed

## Yesterday's

results

Badminton Men's singles

Women's singles

First remain it Bore (Swe) bi N NedjalRove (Bul) 11-6, 11-6; 3 Janoeneiri (Thai)
bi E Nielsen Roe) 17-1, 11-2; A Sondargeand (Den) bi D Koleva (Bul) who; S Jansensiri (Thai) bi E Nelsen Roe) 11-1,
11-2; D Julien (Carl) bi D C'Connor (Trin)
11-3, 11-0; Zarinski Abdoliski (Singl bi E
Nosdran (Litr) 11-8, 11-0; H Missel (Japan)
bi M-J Jean-Pierra (Maur) 11-2, 11-1.

Basketball

Mon's preliminary round

Group III Yugoslevia 118, S Koree 86.

Cycling Men's 1km time trial

Men's 1km 2me trial
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Hartwell (US) 1.02.940; 3, T Jumon]!
(Japan) 1.03.261; 4, S Lausberg (Ger)
1.03.514; 6. JP ven 27; (SA) 1.04/24; 6, G
Krejner (Pol) 1.04.967; 7, D Georgalis (Gr)
1.04.969; 8, A Kitsas Lad 1.05.457; 9, C
Melditager (Aut) 1.05.530; 10, G Samuel
(Trin) 1.05.535; 11, B Bondaryev (Ulr)
1.05.685; 12, T van Hameren (Neth)
1.05.685; 12, T van Hameren (Neth)
1.05.685; 17, E Colt (1.05.311; 15, G Capitano (R 1.05.405; 18, S Wallace (GB)
1.05.405; 17, A Colt (Arg) 1.06.319; 18, A
Kirichenko (Rus) 1.07.015; 19, Sut Hong (S
Kor) 1.07.099.

Equestrianism

Tream final standings: 1, Australia 203.85ph; 2, US 261.10: 3, New Zesland 208.55; 4, France 307.65; 5, Great Britain 312.50; 6, Japan 355.15; 7, Sweden 345.25; 8, Spain 621.65; 9, Germany 1,204.16; 10, Switzerleynd 1,517.50; 11, Ireland 1,324.40; 12, Italy 1,394.45; 13, Hungary 1,434.10; 14, Canade 2,074.40; 15, Brazil 2,174.45; 16, Potand 2,197.95.

Fencing

Men's team sabre Quarter-finale: Staly bt Germany 45-42; Russin bt Spain 45-34; Hungery bt Roma-nia 45-40; Polised bt France 45-42. Semi-final: Russin bt Italy 45-28. Women's team spee Quarter-finals: Preson bt Cuba 45-35; Hungary bt US 45-25; Russin bt Germany 45-37; Haily bt Estonia 45-38 Secrif-finals: Preson bt Russia 45-39; Haily bt Hungary Hockey Group & India 4, US C.

Judo

Menr's Rightweeight (7 tkg)

Third rounds D (Gapaton (G5) bi S Kotennisov (Rus) Ware-art awasete; A Gothern (Moldows) bi D Visatovac (Boaria) (popor, if Heites (Hun) bi J Gonzalez (Gunt) Ippon. Foreth rounds J Pedro (US) at D Kingston (G6) (popor, G Beatas (Por) bit L Mularon (S Marino) (popor, V Dystematina (Georgia) bi H A Payne (Bar) (popor, A Beberbashin (Lob) bi H Mouses (Tuni) Ippon; A Nationawar (Jayan) bi T Schleicher (Aut) (popor, A Hertast (Alg) bi F Rodriguez (P Rico) Soog gach; S Abasener (Turk) bi J Pacce (Par) (popor, S Abasener (Turk) bi J Pacce (Par) (popor, S Abasener (Turk) bi J Pacce (Par) (popor, S Abasener (Rurg) bi S Alqual (Arg) (popor, S Pareline (Ger) bi K Woldan (Po) (popor, S Pareline (Ger) bi K Woldan (Po) (popor, S Pareline (Br) bi C Gagliano (Fr) Huntel; S Cortide (NZ) bi Huang Chien-Lung (Tal) Wazzar; S Gerish (NZ) bi popor, A diseased (Iran) bi H Nurez (C Rica) Hansolu malc; Kwak Deseased (Raz) (popor, A diseased (Iran) bi H Nurez (C Rica) Hansolu malc; Kwak Deseased (Raz) (popor, A diseased (Iran) bi H Nurez (C Rica) Hansolu malc; Kwak Deseased (Raz) (popor, S Al-Sharrah (Kurs) bi J Vargas (E Salv) Wig2-art. Piffir reseate K Makamuser (Japan) bi A Haristat (Algi Ippor, V Depokendor (Georgia) bi G Bariss (Por) Hantel; Kwak Deseased (Kor) bi A Ghorni (Iran) (popor, K Makasemar (Japan) bi A Haristat (Algi Ippor, K Makasemar (Japan) bi A

pon, K. Weldinantur (Mong) til J. Pedro (US) jopon.

Wornest's: Bighttweight (56kg)
Fourth roundt N. Feirhrother (68) til R. Chard (Tun) jopon; I. Fernanden (59) til N. Hill (Aus) Waznert; B. Pehla (Hun) til J. Rodriguez (Floral) (pöen; N. Bizogashi (Japan) til Myran (Swe) jopon; Cheang Jas (China) til Z. Garipova (Fus) jopon; D. Gospakez (Cuba) til Salon (Fr) Hantal.
Fifth roundt Sum-Yeong Jung (5 Kor) til M. Lomba (861) Wazn-Art; N. Bizogashi (Junn) til M. J. Mornesu (Can) jopon, With reinste M. Peklif (Pun) of D. Zangradio (Bri Hantel; Sent-Yeong Jeng (5 Kor) til M. Lomba (861) Wazn-Art; Channing Lie (China) bi C. West (US) jopon; Y. Bigelandtze (Georgia) til Z. Senties (Por) Hentel; N. Febbrother (GB) til S. Kucharzeveska (Po) Hantel; D. Goszalez (Cuba) bi J. Gal (Neth) pix, Humeg Al-Cham (Talwan) bi F. Gavalleri (Por) Hantel; I. Fernandez (Sp) bi Z. Guseynova (Azerbaijan) pix.

Rowing

Constitled for seasi-finals: Heat Quas 1, Seroten Enkin 17.54epc. Allers 3, tratand (B Dolan/N O'Tooke) 6.18.38 (reperchage). Heat Twor 1, Austria 6.21.10, Neat Torans 1, Italy 6.19.55. Neat Fourn 1, US 6.20.93. Alees 2, Grest Britain (N Strange/A Selton) 6.22.27 (repochage). All other craws to repochage.

Men's coxiess lightweight

fours Qualified for semi-finals: Hest One UR Smin St.Stree, Hest Two: 1, Irols Also: 2, Great Britain (repechage). Other crews to repechage.

Men's quadruple sculis Men's elahts

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Qualified for semi-finals Heat One: 1, US 6min 06.17ssc. Alson 6, Great Britain 6.12.28 (repechage). All other press to

Softball Preliminary round US 4. Talwan O.

Swimming Mon's 200m breaststroke Constitute for Stade 1, K Surdier (Huri) 2.13.89; 2, A Korneyev (Rus) 2.14.11; 3, K Grote (US) 2.14.62; 4, N Rossa (Hun) 2.14.86; 6, N Gillinghem (GB) 2.14.80; 8, P Rogere (Aus) 2.14.87; 7, M Krawczyk (Pol) 2.15.17; 8, E Wunderlich (US) 2.15.18.

Men's 100m butterfly Conditions for Smelt 1, 5 Miller (Aus) 52.89; 2, D Panhratov (Rus) 52.90; 3, P Khnykin (Kur) 58.25; 4, Changi Jiang (China) 53.40; 5, 5 Ctarke (Can) 53.41; 5, R Szukain (Pol) 53.41; 7, M Klim (Aus) 53.42; 8, V Kulladv (Rus) 53.54.

Women's 800m freestyle Gualifiers for final: 1, B Barriell (US) 8.12.37; 2, D Hase (Ger) 8.33.55; 3, K Klei-gase (Ger) 8.85.33; 4, S Hardcashle (GB) 8.37.54; 8, I Delby (Nor) 8.37.73; 8, J Evane (US) 8.35.05; 7, K Vileghuls (Nesh) 8.36.73; 8, C L Gerris (Neth) 8.38 86. Women's 200ch lind medley

Richard Faulds of Britain in the double trap final at Wolf Creek. He came fifth

Maiar (Can) 2,18,34; 7, M Emith (Ire) 2,18,35; 8, L Karleson (Swe) 2,18,37. Women's 4x100m medicy relay

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Women's singles
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Kyakobye (Uga) 21-4, 21-5; N Seemanon
(Swe) bi L Lomas (GB) 21-16; 21-10; N
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21-10; 21-4; China Sing (Tai) bi L Chouabi
(Japin) bi S Aley (Dom) 21-9, 21-11; N
Sermas (Gar) bi S
Tousii (Tun) 21-11; 21-5; C Koyamas
(Japin) bi S Aley (Dom) 21-9, 21-11; N
Wa Ches (HK) bi F Ramos (Van) 21-8,
21-4; Wel Liu (China) bi B Rodriguez
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Okisis (China) bi X Annos (Van) 21-10, 21-4; N
Seeta (Japan) bi X Jao Ming Wang-Drechou
(Fr) 21-19; 21-16; Chesa Jiag (Tai) bi L
Chouabi (Leb) 21-5, 21-8; Chemp (China)
bi N Myakobye (Uga) 21-4, 21-6; Ryus Shao (S Kor) bi E Gonzalez (Peru) 21-11,
21-7; Tir Josapell (N Kor) bi A Svensson
(Swe) 21-13, 21-16; J Gohopp (Ger) bi O
Cshonalic (Nig) 21-3, 21-2; Kim Myon (N
Kor) bi Y Tunins (Rus) 22-4; 21-12; Peruh
Hao-Jung (S Kor) bi A Steshenko (Turimenistra) 21-9, 21-10; O Steemas (Ger) bi Chest Chio-bas (Tai) 21-12, 21-19; Jan
Hong Sing (Sing) bi P Cada (Can) 21-4,
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21-19; Ling (Sing) bi P Cada (Can) 21-2,
21-11; Kim Myang (N Kor) bi Chest (Can) 21-2,
21-12; Kim Myang (N Kor) bi Chest (Can) 21-2,
21-13; Ling (Sing) bi P Cada (Ca

Tennis

Men's singles

Pirst round: J Stoltonberg (Aus) bi S Ladipo (Ng) 7-6, 6-3; N Paraira (Ven) bi H Gumy (Arg) 6-4, 8-0; N Paraira (Ven) bi H Novak (Cz) 4-6, 6-4, 6-5; T Engrist (Sus) bi M-K Goellner (Gar) 7-6, 4-6, 6-4; M Pilippine (Uru) bi L, Mors)on (Ecu) 6-7, 7-5, 6-1. Women's singles

Beach Volleyball Men's preliminaries

F J Weirs Netto/R De Costs Lepas (Br)
F M Pakesta/M Pakinek (Cz) 15-5; J
Becana Milogenes/S Jimmens Cales (Sp)
b J Child/M Heese (Can) 15-1; III Dodd/III
Whitmensh (US) b J Prosser/L Zahner
(Atts) 15-10; E Regol/J III De Melo Perreira (Br) bt J-P Jodard/C Penigaul (Fr)
15-1.

PRIENDLY MATCHES: Derry C v Gles-loran, Finn Harps v Dundes; Guiseley v Bradbort, Harrow Boro v DPR XL Lancas-tes v Bolton; Tow Law v Darlington; Gousester C v Birmingham; Carshalton v Brentlord.

Rugby League ALLIANCIS Castietond v Saltord; Halifax v Hull; Oldham v Bradford; Warrington v Hull KR: Wigan v Leeds, Fixet Divisions Balley v Wildnes; Develoury v Swinton: Leigh v Vork: Sheffield v Featherstone, Seedend Divisions: Bitschpool v Huddershield:

Thirteen leading speedway riders. Including England internationals Carl Stone-hewer. David Norris and Simon Cross. were fined a record £2.200 each and barned from all World Championship syntis for the rest of the year. The group had refused to ride in last month's World Championship oversees final in Coventry, claiming that the new solid block tyres, which they were forced to use, were dangerous.

WORCS - NORTHANTS Kiddensington Northants

Ididentisipater Northants (2pts) are 2 for nine against Worcs (4).

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Total (89.4 overs) ... Fall of wholester 88 

Total (for 0, 1 overs) 0
To bete 'D Byss, M G Bevan, A McGrath,
C Whits, †R J Blakey, D Gough, P J Hart-iey, C E W Silverwood, R D Stemp. Tour match

Cheltasham: South Africa A 287-8 (D N Crookes 69. J H Kalile 60. H H-Globe 53. Gloucesiershife 258 (A Symonds 84, M Lynch 52). South Africa A won by 28 cuns. Glouceslershire 298 (A Symonds 84, M A Lynch 62). Such Africa A won by 25 runs.

Second XI Champhomship

Beletols Gloucs 308-5 dac. (M G N Windows 81, M P Hunt 70no, N J Trainer 70, M J Gawdron 68no) and 282-8dac. (D R Hesson 104, K P Sheeraz 55, Bolling 6-65).

Darhars 303-7dec (J A Daley Sano, R M S Weston 72) and 211 (D A Blenkhron 50; Davis 5-69). Gloucs won by 36 runs.

Cleasthorpear Note 368-7 (N A Gle 72, J R Willeman 63, M P Dowrisn 63), Glemotgan 122 (A J Dallan 56; Franks 4-59) and 231-6 (A W Evans 97). Match drawn. Hesrouss Middr 352-4 dec (D J Goodchild 100no, O A Shah 87, D C Nash 74no, C M Gupte 61), Yorks 211 (C A Chapman 55, B Paricar 51; Evans 4-31) and 24-4 (B Pariter 65no, C A Chapman 57). Match drawn. Hissoiders Leics 301-7 dec (D Sievens 63, Whittide 25, M Shah 87, D C Nash 74no, C M Gupte 61), 25 (M R Mg 62), Match drawn. Hissoiders Leics 301-7 dec (D Sievens 63, P Whittide 25, M R Mg 62), Match drawn. However Sussan. 310 (J W Half 82; Anjad 7-103) and 156-0 dec (T A Radford 51no), Worcs 205 (Liusan 62; Bates 4-64) and 47 (Bales 5-14). Sussay won by 214 runs The Owah Surrey 357 (I J Ward 67, B C Holliosley 67, J A Knott 690o, A D Brown 57; Renghaw 4-63) and 188-7 dec (I J Ward 58, G J Kernlis 55). Harrys 275-6 (M J Thurnfield 73, G W White 53; Novell 4-85, Match drawn. Wilminings Esser 242 (T P Hodgson 52, Weich 4-85) and 217 (J J B Lewis 112; Edmond 5-56). Warwisses 537-dec (D P Oster 92, M J Powell 138, N V Prabbu 65, A Frost 67no, M D Edmond 81no), Wervica won by an unnings and 78 runs.

Starting today

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### Rugby

#### McGeechan to coach Lions for a record third stint

jan Malin

AN McGEECHAN will team up again with Fran Cotton in South Africa next summer,

when the pair hope to revive memories of the victorious 1974 Lions' series against the Springboks.

McGeechan, the former Scotland back who is currently director of rugby at Northampton, was yesterday appointed Lions coach for an unprecedented third time. He links up with Cotton, the former England prop who was appointed manager last month.

Twenty-two years ago the pair hope to revive memories of the victorious to toured New Zealand have been the most successful Lions who toured New Zealand have been the most successful securities of the wide of the secretary lates the successful Lions in Australia in 1989 and the squad to have left these shores.

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victory by the Lions over the Springboks, a controversial tour to a country then isolated for its apartheid

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#### **OLYMPIC GAMES**



# Obree lost for power and glory

# Cycling

Stephen Bierley

OUR years ago on the outskirts of Barcelona Britain's Chris Boardthin as an After Eight mint, triumphed in the men's individual pursuit. Yesterday was to have been the start of Graeme Obree's own golden pursuit but before midday at Stone Park his Olympic challenge was sadly over.

ain's chief hopes for an Olym-pic gold but a virus, conracted in June, took its toll. On Atlanta's outdoor track, so hot that the wooden boards seemed in danger of turning of tinder, he simply faded

He had desperately hoped to catch fire himself but was already partly demoralised before he set foot on the pedals. Few, least of all he. had expected this track to be so fast. But first France's Phi-Ermensult broke Boardman's Olympic record, set in second. Collinelli, beaten by Obree for the world pursuit title in Bogota last year, was riding immediately before the Scot and his time drove deep

"I was hoping for something to be there which just wasn't." said Obree aftering to the slaughter" — roast lamb, as it proved. For the first seven laps he was on qualifying pace but thereafter his form sagged as the drive

into Obree's scarred osyche.

in his legs disappeared. From the first round of this event the eight quickest go through to the quarter-finals. Obree was looking for around 4.27. His 4.34.297 left him stranded in 11th, almost four seconds short of qualification. But this was a shadow of the

whole body. He lost nearly four weeks' prime training during the summer and, al-though he claims to be completely well now, the residual

count well below normal.
"That loss of training was absolutely crucial," said trial with Boardman. He might be better advised to give it a miss.

true and smooth. He set the world hour record three years that cost less than £100 and famously included parts from a washing machine. He also adopted a thoroughly unorthodox riding position and was disqualified from the 1994 world championships. No body, however, disputes the 30-year-old's talent; he has two world titles (1993 and

1995) to prove it.
Leaning on a non-racing bicycle but still wearing his
clear plastic riding goggles, Barceigna: and then Italy's he was sanguine about yester Andre Collinelli smashed day's performance. Tsuppose Obree's world record of it was not unexpected. I had 4.20.894 by more than a been four or so seconds down in my training anyway but had just hoped to do enough to qualify. It didn't happen." Even the start had seen Obree less than his usual composed self. He had to

wave away an NBC cameraman who was too close and prevented him seeing the He then wobbled at the first corner when his wheel kicked. "But these things didn't affect me at all," he said. "I just didn't have the basic speed.

Today Yvonne McGregor has the chance in the women's individual track pursuit to make up for the disappointment. Boardman's gold medal in Barcelona was Britain's first for cycling since 1920. We must hope not to wait as long again.



# Stubborn McGregor inspired by Burton's Personal Best

#### Cycling

William Fotheringham

HE late Beryl Burton, who dominated British women's cycling for a regrets. She never competed at the Olympics, as women's cycling events began only in 1984 after her best days were over, and she never took the coveted world hour track record despite two attempts. The Burton traits, of stubborn determination allied to

superlative skill against the watch, live on in her fellow

Yorkshirewoman Yvonne i hour record at the Manches-McGregor. The 34-year-old al-ready holds the world hour record, and she will have two good chances of gaining an Olympic medal, in the track pursuit - the event Burton made her own at world chamand in the individual road time-trial, the discipline that Burton dominated for 30

years in Britain. McGregor has never made a secret of the inspiration she gained when she read Burton's autobiography Personal Best shortly after taking to two wheels when an Achilles injury put paid to her fell-running and triathlon career.

After a gold medal at the

Commonwealth Games in Canada in 1994, she took the

ter Velodrome last year. The aced hour - something of a British speciality in recent years thanks to Chris Boardman and Graeme Obree — is one of cycling's supreme tests of willpower and strength. In portunity to relax for a second as there is in a road

That McGregor's distance of 47.411 kilometres withstood an assault from France's Jeannie Longo last autumn is further testimony, and Longo, the world time-trial champion who took gold in last Sun-day's road race, had the advantage of altitude when she attempted to beat McGregor's record, set at sea level. As a member of the North

time-trial

Wirral Velo-Rodak elite team set up by Boardman to bring along Olympic hopefuls after breaking point. his Barcelona pursuit gold. McGregor follows a programme — based on British domestic time-trials and track

events - which is similar to that followed by Boardman prior to his 1992 triumph. In-deed, her assault on Atlanta is being masterminded by Peter Keen, the Eastbourne sports scientist who was be-hind Boardman's Olympic title and his 1994 Tour de her front wheel France prologue win.

Racing is not enough to prename for Atlanta's heat and humidity so McGregor trained on a stationary bike in the bath-room with the central heating on and the shower running. Last autumn she and Boardin Manchester being tested to

Keen's and Boardman's ex-pertise has failed to alter one imponderable factor: the ill-luck that has led to McGregor having four major accidents in the past three years, with a broken shoulder, collar-bone and cheekbone last year alone. She has learned to be wryly philosophical about the fact that if a black cat crosses the road it tends to run into

She took two national championships this year: the pursuit, with the fastest set of times ever by a woman, and the 25-mile time-trial. Last month's amashing of Burton's 25-mile road record, which

man could be seen on the track | was considered unbeatable. was literally that. McGregor had to make the trip to London to be measured

for her Olympic uniform, and decided to enter a race in Essex at the same time for some useful training. "I thought about Beryl while I was riding. Peter didn't want me to go flat out I could have gone half a minute faster if I had wanted to." That sounds arrogant, but is the same Keenbred physiological confidence displayed by Boardman.

It is also the same Yorkshire plain-speaking which was a much-loved side of Burton, who will doubtless be watching from on high with a smile on her face when her successor takes to the road in had stood for 25 years and Atlanta

#### Raggatt and Carr steal the early thunder for Britain

#### Sailing

**Bob Fisher** 

ATHUNDERSTORM centred near Savannah first delayed most of the racing and then set severe tech-nical problems with some massive wind shifts.

After two days ashore the 470 sallors finally began their l1-race series. The surprise for Britain was that it was Bethan Raggatt and Sue Carr

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in the women's event who made a grander entrance than the highly fancied men, John Merricks and Ian Walker. While the men were languishing in mid-fleet at halfway after an indifferent start the British women were lying second in their race to the

Ukraine pair. Merricks and Walker did well to pull back through the fleet to 15th at the finish — and might have been somewhat surprised that the pair who had got there first were Jodi Calafat and Francisco Sanchez of Spain, the Olym-pic champions, whose performance of late has been any-

thing but champion. Raggatt and Carr prefer the fresher winds and, as those out on their course began to die, they were passed by the United States, Japan and the Olympic champion, Theresa Zabeil of Spain. The Britons

ended in fifth place. Most of the early excitement came with the finish of the men's sailboards. Nikolaos Kaklamanakis of Greece the series leader after two races, led almost all the way round but Aaron McIntosh of New Zealand had made up a lot of ground after being fifth at the first mark. McIntosh got ahead just before the final buoy and went on to take the winner's gun.

In the Star class Colin Beashel of Australia posted his third successive victory. • The American Nick Adamson holed his Laser after a collision in the class's second race when he tacked into the path had right of way, rounding a hoping for bronze in the 56kg hand have not favoured the nated from the mark. He has applied to use one of the stock spares.

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For Kingston the early exit knew that, if he could get simultaneously. of the Australian boat, which @T/a Guardian one of the stock spares.

### Irish call for release of Smith's drug-test result

### Swimming

David Hopps

RELAND's team officials are pressing the Olympic authorities to release the result of a drug test on the gold med-allist Michelle Smith to end continuing speculation over her remarkable performances

Irish team officials said they wanted the result of the compulsory test, taken after her 400 metres individual medley win last Saturday. Smith followed her unex-pected triumph with a 400m reestyle gold two days later. Normally the International

Olympic Committee would

not be required to inform she would be the star of the countries of a negative test. Games," Freas said. "People suspect her vastly improved times because she is a womnot named. Testers link up the sample with an athlete only if it is positive. But Ireland's medical chief

Joseph Cummiskey said: "We

have asked them for the

result so that we can release it.
"They [the results] are meant to be out within 24 silver and bronze at Los Anhours. There has been such a geles in 1984, became Reit. to know what the result is." Smith's startling breakthrough received timely support yesterday from Samuel Freas, president of Fina, the

earlier this month I predicted | an achievement."

times because she is a wom-an, and 36 years old, but who can say for certain at wha age development begins? Look at Sergei Bubka. Until be became a world-class polevaulter nobody realised he could also run 10.3sec for the

· Sarah Hardcastle, who won final for 12 years when she freestyle in 8.37.54.

"At 27 I've just finished in Freas, president of Fina, the the top eight," she said last international swimming night "For a small country like Britain, which doesn't "When I saw her in Florida | provide much support, that's

#### Kingston serves notice to quit after early exit

#### Judo

Peter Nichols

DANNY KINGSTON'S rapid rise through the 71kg ranks came to a halt when Jimmy Pedro's shoulder throw (seoi-nage) out him out of the Olympic tournament in the second round. It was a repeat performance by the American who

year earlier, had ended Kingston's interest in the world championships. There was further disappointment for Britain later when Nicola Fairbrother, still

was sufficient for him to ques- 1 tion his commitment to the sport. "Everything seems pointless when you lose," said the 23-year-old from Wokingham, who then said he was quitting.

An adventurous player Kingston's rise has given impetus to the men's game. In a disappointing world championships last year he was the only British male to reach the top six, losing in the bronzemedal fight to Pedro. Earlier this year, in the

European championships at The Hague, British Judo got back on its feet with seven medals and Kingston won one of the two golds. Although the draws in Atlanta have not favoured the nated from the 56kg tourna-

through his first two bouts there was every chance of a medal. A victory in the first round against the Russian Kolesnikov took him to the disappointing confrontation with Pedro.

Neil Adams, chief coach to the British team, poured cold water on the suggestion that Kingston had now quit the game. "He's an emotional lad. We'll see what he says in the morning," said Adams

But going into Atlanta Kingston admitted that he played the sport "just for the glory. It's all about the Olym-pics". His day did not improve when his girlfriend, the European champion Jessica Gal from Holland, was elimi-Olympic box-off in April. But he Danes decided not to send ment which was being held Ibsen to Atlanta and Okesola took his place.

#### Okesola has to keep up with the rush awkwardness of Jones

#### Boxing

OLA OKESOLA carries Britain's last hope of ring success when he makes his Olympic debut at the Alexanler Memorial Coliseum

It is left to the Greenwich born fighter of Nigerian parents to overcome the American Nate Jones to sus tain British Interest after the two-man team was reduced by half with the Liverpool featherweight David Burke's elimi-

nation on Monday. Okesola is short on experience, having boxed for fewer than three years. But, unlike many American heavyweight Olympians, Chicago's Jones is not a big puncher or considered highly talented. So the Briton can go into the 91kg bout with some confidence.

The Americans have so far started fights at a high pace to pick up the points early while they are fresh. It would be wise for Okesola to keep out of range in

the opening round but, whatever he tries, it will be difficult to unseat an American beavyweight on home soil. Okesola has lost three of his 30 bouts but still considers himself unbeaten. He argue he was unlucky in all three sethacks, the last against Den-mark's Michael Ibsen in an

vehicle other than the bus?" he parried. "I guess I would let you in," said the guard. So the back went round the corper, sat in the back seat of an NBC van. persuaded the driver to take him to the entrance and got in without a

mony when the retired Arch-bishop Desmond Tutu offered her his seat. "I was thrilled." said Giannini, who turned down his offer. "I was so im-



-VERYTHING in the United States is bigger than in little old Blighty — even the jobsworths. One British journalist took a cab 35 miles to the beach volleyball and tried to get out at the media entrance. "Don't get out of the car," said the uni-formed security man. "It's OK I'm press." said the back. "I don't care. You can't go in unthe guest book. less you arrive on the official transport, buddy. You're going to have to go back to town and get a bus." He would not be shifted until a moment of inspiration hit our man. What if I was in an official

Gold medal for

ATHY GIANNINI of Sandy Springs was crammed into a tube train after the opening core-

pressed that he was riding the underground. Mother Teresa would do that."

HE Cuban delegation have found a way of sticking two fingers up at a restaurant which has encouraged locals to help if Cu-ban competitors wish to de-fect. The Mambo Cubano put up a sign saying customers must help to protect defecting Cubans. No Cubans have defected since the Games began but a Cuban security guard but a Cuban security guard got the last laugh on the owner: "I loved it so much I stole your menu," he wrote in

HE battle of Olympic cheerleaders is well underway with the early lead taken by Brazil, who have a 30st member called Bola 7. Silver medallists in the team contest are Mitsuko Kasahara and Naotoshi Yamada. The latter has cheered on Japan at every Olympics since 1964 and written a song for these Games entitled Your Smile is like a Gold Medal. Mitsuko even has business cards with her designated title: International Olympic Assistant Cheerleader.

ONGOLIA's have found a novel way round the trans.
They are ONGOLIA's team port problems. They are reportedly taking a golf cart every night from the security guards at the Olympic Village and using it to drive into town to various nightspots.

John Duncan

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#### **OLYMPIC GAMES**

# The Dome captivated by vaulting ambition

Richard Williams

FERRI STRUG Was carried from the po-dium with a bandage round her ankle and a gold medal round her neck after a moment of heart-stopping heroism had provided the climax to the United States team's victory in the women's team gymnastics event on Tuesday evening.

Although the splash of drama eventually turned out to be not quite what it had seemed, nevertheless Strug. one of the less heralded members of the team of spring-loaded midgets in whom the dreams of suburban America are incarnated, gave us a lesson in courage and commitment that may not be surpassed in these Games.

Strug, all 18 years, 4ft 9in and 6st 31b of her, was the last member of her team to face the vault, the final piece of apparatus. Dominique Mo-ceanu. the 14-year-old darling of the team, had just landed on her backside in both her attempts, giving the team their first seriously poor marks and threatening a col-lective heart attack for the 32.048 spectators in the Geor-

Starting the evening in second place behind the Rus-sians after Sunday's compul-sory session, the United States had quickly taken the lead and the progress of Strug. Moceanu, Shannon Miller, Dominique Dawes, Jaycie Phelps, Amy Chow and Amanda Borden around the apparatus had aiready turned

into a delirious lap of honour. It was one of those nights when only the United States team seemed to exist in full colour, their star-spangled progress around the floor followed by all eyes in the packed Dome and by a posse of cameramen intent on capturing every hug, every tear. Maximising the psychological advantage, their coaches the pain of the last vault. As greeted each effort as if it far as she was aware, the deswere a masterpiece. The other tiny of six other girls dethree teams in the final session — the Russians, the Romanians and the Ukrainians — drifted around appara-tus like ghosts, their faces drained of spirit and hope.

But so critical is the scoring in gymnastics that as Strug stood on the runway, focusing herself and pushing the images of Moceanu's tumbles

Gymnastics out of her mind, the gold medal suddenly seemed to de-

pend on her alone.

A deep breath. A sprint. A running handstand and a leap from the springboard into a one-and-a-half twisting Yurchenko vault. And, this time, a landing which brought her too to earth. As she rose, wincing with pain and shaking her left leg, she looked at the scoreboard, which showed her a 9.1 and potential

catastrophe. She had heard something snap, she said later. "It hurt a lot." Later it was determined that she had suffered a thirddegree lateral sprain of the left ankle.

You get two goes at the vault, and only the better one counts. If Strug was in any doubt about how to proceed, Bela Karolyi was there to

Karolyi, her personal coach, was standing behind the boards, looking anxiously at the injured left ankle. The former Romania team coach, he is a controversial figure often attacked for his Draconian methods with young gymnasis. But soft hearts don't win gold medals and now there was only one thought in his head. As recounted by him after-

wards, the exchange between them could have been scripted by Angela Brazil.

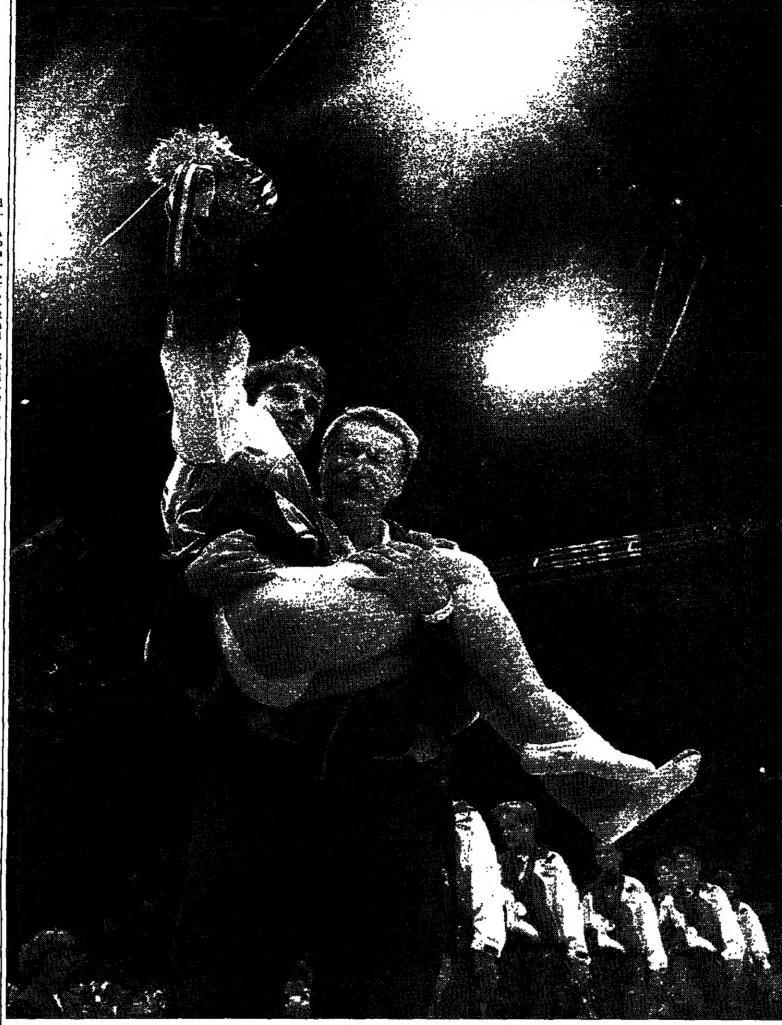
"We got to go one more time," Karolyi shouted. "Can you?"

'I don't know yet. I will do

it, I will, I will."
She did. She said a prayer and again she sprinted, sprang, flipped and landed— this time square on both feet, although she quickly pulled the last one up and held the landing pose on her right foot only, grimacing with the pain. Then she tried to hop away, but collapsed on the mat.

The judges gave her 9.712.
As it turned out, the United States would have won without it. But she had had no way of knowing that when she turned and ran in to face pended on it.

if you came to the Olympics to see pure grit, here it was. equal, Strug's will always have a slightly different glow. But if you were Bela Karolyi, what would you have told her when she came limping back down the runway after that first vault?



Landing on her feet . . . the injured American Kerri Strug gets a lift from her coach Bela Karolyi after her bravery on the vault - photograph; any sancetta

### **Britain** fail to rally

**Eventing** 

Jessica Fahey

RITAIN's three-day event team of Ian Stark. William Fox-Pitt, Karen Dixon and Gary Parsonage were unable to make up for Tuesday's disappointing cross-country and finished in fifth place with 312.90 points. Only Dixon managed a clear round in yesterday's show-jumping section.

jumping section.

Australia took their third eventing gold medal and retained their title with 203.85, the United States took silver with 251.10 and New Zealand bronze with 268.55. Australia's Wendy Schaef-

fer, riding with a broken leg held together by pressure pads and screws, produced the outstanding performance yesterday with a clear round. As the three best scores from each four-rider team count for the score, her team-mate Gillian Rolton was able to sit out this section; she had completed the cross-country through "sheer bloody-mind-edness" after breaking her collar-bone and two ribs in a fall. "I was riding one-handed most of the way around," she

Schaeffer, the 21-year-old Olympic debutant who broke her leg in a fall in May, finished with the best overall individual score after a clear round on her 16-year-old geld-ing Sunburst. In previous Olympics that would have earned her an individual gold, but in Atlanta the two

events have been separated.

Andrew Hoy, in his fourth
Games, and Phillip Dutton
both knocked down two fences, but Australia were so far ahead after the dressage and cross-country that nothing was likely to deny them

the title.

The US's husband and wife pair, David and Karen O'Connor, produced clear rounds within the time limit to secure effect describe three miscure silver despite three mistakes and a 1.50 time penalty by the two-time Olympic team gold medallist Bruce Davidson.

Ireland, who had moved up from 11th to fifth after the cross-country phase, were eliminated. The final veterinary inspection deemed two of their horses unfit because of cuts and gashes sustained on the course, though neither was lame. Irish officials decided to withdraw the horses rather than present them for

Of the 63 horses and riders who started the dressage, only 39 were left in the showjumping, and the teams in contention for medals competed with three riders because one retired after the gruelling cross-country.

#### **Today in Atlanta**

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The best of the rest

Hockey Pat Rowlev

HE Great Britain women's team came wonderfully to

life, playing far above their previous performances to de-feat the United States 1-0 with a smartly taken goal by Scot-land's Rhona Simpson. It was a performance that suddenly rekindled expectation. Britain could not have been

fancied to win against a side who had beaten the South Korean team that thrashed Britain 5-0, but in this climate fluctuations of form are probably inevitable. The United States, despite their unnerving support and full-time training, were made to look legless, but then Britain had had the previous day off while the Americans had contested a closely fought same tested a closely fought game

> Yet it was exhilarating to see Britain playing so much of a match in their opponents' half, especially after their

previous negative displays. Though both teams displayed more gusto than talent, they provided quite a spectacle.

Britain showed particular improvement in midfield,

where Mandy Davies receiv better support, especially from Pauline Robertson. The strikers, benefiting from a good service, took the chance to express themselves. With better co-ordination and corner drills, Britain would have won by more than a single goal.

In the first half Mandy Nicholls shot across goal, Davies shot over and, in one attack, Tina Cullen and Jane Sixsmith both let fly with reverse sweeps before Simp-son took two vain jabs at a ball running away from her. The goal came in the 51st minute. Nicholls centred flat

from near the right corner flag and Simpson met the ball with reverse stick angled to make a cunning deflection past Patti Shea. It was the promising horsewoman's 14th

Touts Paul Majendie

SOME 50 ticket touts from England have flown into Atlanta in search of the gold

that Britain's competitors have proved unable to strike. And they are making a better fist of it: up to \$1,000 a day.
Equipped, initially, with a
fistful of dollars and a scatter-

gun sales pitch, they have muscled in on the turf of this hustlers' paradise. The public want tickets, everyone from Olympic sponsors and cashstrapped sports delegations are ready to sell them on the sly, and the fast-talking mid-dleman is in business.

Lawfully the scope is only slightly greater than in Brit-ain, where tickets may no longer be sold on even at face value. Atlanta police can arrest anyone for selling tickets for more than \$3 over face goal since she established herself in the team 25 for a force battling traffic million matches ago.

ist threats. "It is nuisance crime, like loud music," said a police spokesman. "But we want to support the organis-

ers and make people realise they cannot make a profit out have been 18 arrests. They have not deterred the Anglo-American Scalpers Association down on Peach-

tree Street. Jim Damon, a local delivering the quicklire, side-of-the-mouth patter of a Damon Runyon gangster, clinched a deal with an African Olympic official clutch-ing a briefcase bulging with tickets. In 20 minutes he made \$3,000 on a batch of Dream Team tickets.

Don Gibbons, from London goes into a huddle with the man out of Africa and another fistful of dollars changes hands. "You can do the business," he said, "but there are too many touts around. The locals tried to bully us but we wouldn't stand for it." There are two many tickets, too. The organisers say they have sold 8.4 million out of 11 million.

#### Rowing

Christopher Dodd

HE good news is that the British lightweight double scullers and four reached tomorrow's semi-finals in repe-chages at Lake Lanier, correcting their mistakes of the pre-liminary heats. The bad news is that both of Britain's eights have been relegated to B finals for places 7-12 on Sunday.

a repechage in which the first four qualified for the final was a sad end to a good medal prospect. Only six weeks ago at the Olympic qualifying regatta in Lucerne they lowered the course record set a week before by the United States crew, who here were the race winners.
Garry Herbert, the cox who

The women's sixth place in

famously shed tears of joy on the podium after steering the Searle brothers to victory in

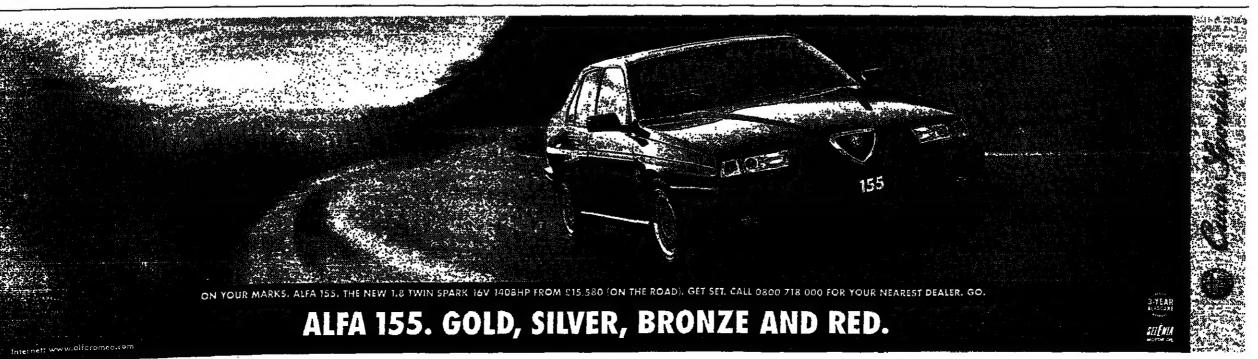
Barcelona, gave his all only to
see the men's eight edged out
of second place, and qualifica-

tion, by Russia by a fifth of a Herbert said: "It was real blood-and-guts stuff. I really

thought we had done enough but it just wasn't to be." Today Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent have drawn the easier of the coxless pairs semi-finals in their campaign for their second and Red-grave's fourth Olympic gold. The Australia and France pairs who qualified with the British from preliminary heats are in the other semifinal together with two of the three repechage winners. The fastest repechage winners, the United States, are in Red-

grave and Pinsent's semi. The coxless four of Rupert Obholzer, Jonny and Greg Searle and Tim Foster have the repechage winners Ger-many in their semi-final, with the world champions Italy and the Olympic champions Australia in the other half.

Peter Haining and Guin Batten have tough draws in



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# Olympian answer to Major's big idea

# Palmer scathing after striking silver on a shoestring

David Hopps in Atlanta

AUL PALMER's elation at becoming Brit-ain's first medallist here will dwindle the moment he arrives back in England. It is then that he will have to contemplate the loss of the coach who has guided him since childhood. On the day John Major out-lined his vision for the future, there could be few greater in-dictments of Britain's mud-dled search for sporting excel-lence than the financial pressures that threaten to end pressures that threaten to end

Palmer's association with his

coach, Ian Turner, just as it has reached fruition. Despite his euphoria at taking silver in the Olympic 400 metres freestyle, Palmer launched a stinging attack. "We have been second-class citizens and if we had the money I am sure we'd be able to turn silvers into gold med-als. The rest of the world have been paying their athletes for 20 years. I am still living at home because I cannot afford

It was in the restless, inse-cure moments before the final that Palmer's relationship with Turner was underlined. "Sit with me for a while," he said. "Give me some com-pany." And so they consid-ered once more the race which they had chewed over a hundred times: stay above Imin 53sec for the first 200, set the pace if you have to, alt on the shoulder of the New Zealander Danyon Loader, and go for gold over the final length. Only when Loader outdid him on the final turn did Palmer recognise that it was a silver medal that

What price do you put on an Olympic medal? Turner can answer "about £15,000 and rising". The head of PE at Yarborough School in Lincoln, he was allowed six months' unpaid leave by his head teacher to coach Palmer through to Atlanta. He was

grateful for that. "I said, This guy has a chance of a medal at the Olympics and I can't continue to teach and coach at this vel'. The school was sympathetic, but I've had to finance things out of my savings. I've had some support from the ASA's Swim 2000 scheme, and

supportive and enthusiastic, but we've just about run out of money. Thankfully the school is going to pay me in August and then it's back to

work in September.

"Everything has to be sacrificed at this level, and I can't see how I can coach Paul any longer. For me it's decision time." For Turner's wife Judith, a

teacher at a school for the handicapped, and their two daughters, normal life has been severely disrupted. He accepts that swimming "occasionally bugs them". Coach and swimmer have spent three of the past six months out of England searching for decent long-course facilities. Lincoln itself has what Palmer describes as "thirdworld facilities in a firstworld nation, dodging up and down a 25m pool, between all the schoolkids". The local

viewed such problems sympa-thetically, but Palmer cannot afford to leave home. Now that he is an Olympic medallist, things might change. But his sacrifices in getting there are representa-tive of many struggling British sportsmen and women. The pursuit of excellence can be a lonely one.

council has not always

"Ian has coached me since ] was four," Palmer said. "He has been a father-figure. I owe him everything." His appeal has been heard many times before: decent facilities, employment for more coaches, and a public recognition of the obstacles that have to be 1994 world championships after falling off a garage roof, and must have felt that Britain has been metaphorically throwing him off garage roofs

ever since. Palmer, at least, has been ortunate to achieve his telling me all day that I could be Britain's first medallist, and that had piled up the pressure. I had planned this race for four years but I hadn't planned on carrying so much expectation. When saw the flag go up, it was a feeling that will never be topped in my life. It was sheer enjoyment, pride and a sense of relief. I don't think win-ning the Lottery could come

the Lincoln club have been The Major plan, page 4



Rags to riches . . . Paul Palmer is jubilant after earning Britain's first medal of the Games



John Major: "What I would like to provide is a ladder of sporting opportunity for young people from the moment they get into

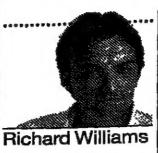
school, into club life after school and develop a proper link between school and club."



Paul Palmer: "We need backing from the Government if we are to win more medals. But they only think about swimming and

gymnastics every four years when the Olympics come round."

# Why the British are not even at the ball game



T MUST be getting on for two years since my son taught me about the state of sport in British schools. He was eight years old and he'd just started coming home full of news about the game they'd had in the playground at lunchtime, and about how many goals he'd scored. One day I asked him, out of

curiosity, what kind of a ball they'd been playing with. "Oh," he said, matter-of-

factly, "we're not allowed to play with a ball." What do you play football

"A piece of wood bark. You know, from the climbing-Yes, I am aware that Pele learnt to play football with an orange on the beach. But he was Pele, and the beach was Copacabana. This is Chis-

wick. We can't give them much space, but we can afford a ball. It made me want to cry, if you must know. I asked him why they'd been banned from using balls. He thought it was to save the school janitor from climbing up to get them out of the gut-

tering. I didn't tell him I thought that was what janitors were for. Instead I wrote a complaint to the head teacher. It worked, up to a point. She decided that half the school could play with

a ball on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and the other days and Fridays. I suspect that the janitor's role had little to do with her original decision. Behind it, I magine, was the effect of the pincer movement that has throttled the life out of sport in state schools in the last 20 years. On the one hand the impoverishment of their resources by the right, symbolised by the selling-off of playing fields. On the other, the left's insistence on abandoning the principle of competitive sport, compounded by the reluctance of underpaid teachers to maintain the tradition of out-of-hours games

supervision.
John Major is making a lot
of noise about sport this summer because the topic is on the national agenda in a big way

and he thinks it can win him some votes before the next aome votes before the next
election. For once, however,
his timing is good. Five days
into the Olympic Games, the
British are still waiting for a
hint of a gold medal. A mood of
pessimism is spreading. If
Gunnell is too badly injured,
Christie is too old, and Edwards has a bad day, we may

wards has a bad day, we may be down to Redgrave and Pinsent to give us consolation. Such gloom is premature Four years ago in Barcelona the situation at this stage looked very similar, with only Chris Boardman and his magic bike to cheer us up. Medals can and probably will come from unexpected

But the point is that virtually all our medals are unex-pected. What we need is a system providing the basis for the reasonable expectation of success, and in this connection Major is right to place an emphasis on sports scholarships. He will double them, he says, from 200 to 400, as well as looking for private money to fund specialist sports colleges.

HE British tend to look with scorn on the way US colleges dole out scholarships to oarsmen and footballers, to baseball and basketball players who have nothing to recommend them but an athletic prowess that can be used to add glory to the institution. Yet is that, even in itself, such a bad thing? And in the case of someone like Dawn Staley, the brilliant little point guard of the US women's basketball team, we can see that it provided the only route to further education for a smart and spunky inner-city child whose family background made col-lege fees about as realistic a proposition as a round-trip to

is a middle-class English girl. but she provides an illustration of how sport and the aca demic life can co-exist. Britain's 5,000 metres prospect won a scholarship to Lough-borough University. This summer she graduated with a first-class degree in European Studies. On Sunday in the Olympic Stadium she will be among the medal contenders. As usual, this Government delivers proposals hedged about with mentions of private sponsors to pay the bills. The £100 million of the headlines has no meaning beyond propaganda until something is actually done. The solution doesn't end with letting children use a proper ball for their football match at lunchtime, but that is where it starts.



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# How the best of the world leave Britain standing

NUGGLED in the med-Sals table somewhere be-tween Kazakstan and Uzbekistan, the British Olympic effort so far looks well off the pace. That is being set by countries who have funded national sports programmes

France has a central sports institute on the outskirts of Paris with room for 700 athletes in residence with access to 1,500 coaches and support staff, all paid for by the government. A promising gym-nast might join at 12, a team sports player somewhat later, but all would receive a broad education as well as hothouse sport training.

The institute, covering 22 sports, was set up 40 years ago and when it was planned the French took a long look across the Channel "Though we admire the British ability. spirit and attitude to sport,"

Committee, "you never seem to commit enough money. Our programme has been a success and you'll find most of our medallists here have

been through the system."

In China the ministry of sport funds nine institutes in Beijing alone, with every other major city also possess-ing one. A child will go to a sports institute for education and sports training from the age of seven for swimmers and gymnasts or 14 for bas-kethall and soccer players. Poland are one of the big surprises of the Games so far,

but they ascribe their medal haul more to financial incen tives than a national sports system. "One of the keys to our improvement," said Zbigniew Kumidor, of the Polish Olympic Committee, been greater financial support from the government and

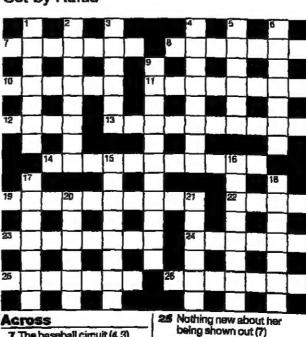
lege programme that identi-fies quality performers early and offers them free educa-tion with scholarships. The popularity and financial secu-rity of college sport attracts top coaches to work full-time with athletes. After college, athletes benefit from the legacy of the 1984 Olympics when a fund was set up from has grown to \$189 million (2122 million) and since 1993

Britain took the idea for a central academy from the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra, born out of Australian failure at the 1976 Olympics. But, critics say it has had little impact in some sports; in tennis, swimming and athletics, performances have slipped. But of Australla's 500 competitors here, 213 are products of the AIS.

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